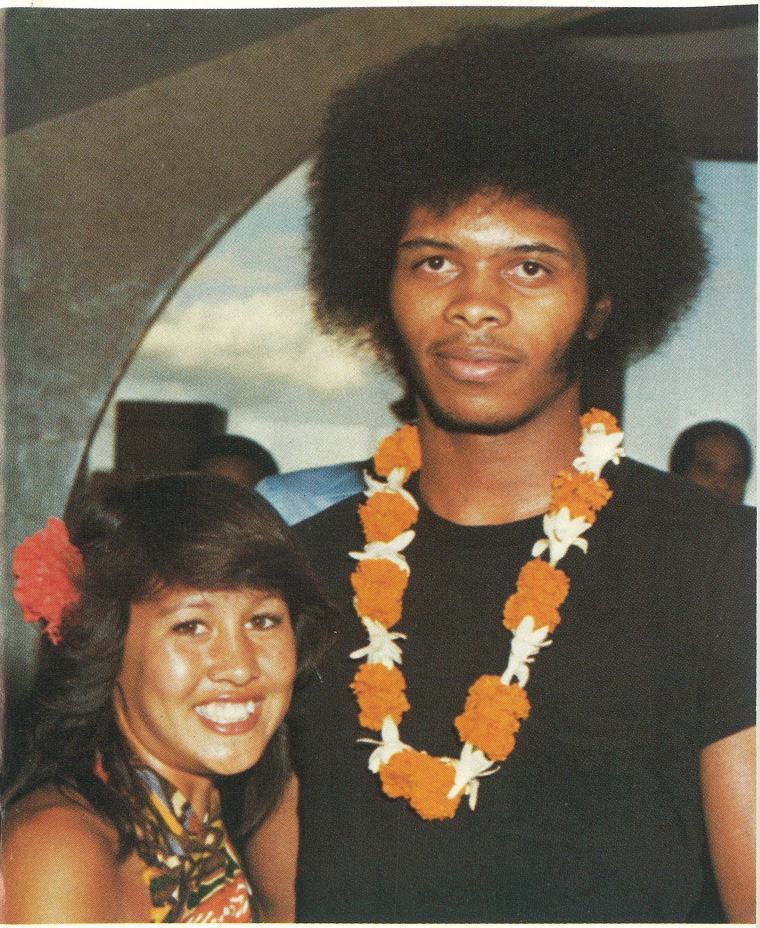
# CENTENARY
## BASKETBALL
## 1977-78

***THE GENTLEMEN – Shreveport, La.***



*All Right,*
*Bobby White!*

# A QUICK LOOK AT CENTENARY COLLEGE

**LOCATION:** Shreveport, Louisiana 71104
**ESTABLISHED:** 1825 at Jackson, La., moved to Shreveport in 1908
**ENROLLMENT:** 908
**DENOMINATION:** United Methodist Church
**PRESIDENT:** Dr. Donald A. Webb
**ACTING ACADEMIC DEAN:** Rev. Robert Ed Taylor
**ATHLETIC AFFILIATION:** NCAA, Independent, Division I
**HOME COURTS:** Gold Dome (4,000 capacity)
Hirsch Memorial Coliseum (10,000 capacity)
**NICKNAME:** Gentlemen (or Gents)
**COLORS:** Bright Maroon and White
**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Riley Wallace (Centenary '64)
**ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Glenn Evans (Centenary '69)
**HEAD BASKETBALL COACH:** Riley Wallace (2nd year, 11-19 record)
**CHIEF ASSISTANT COACH:** Ron Kestenbaum (Hunter College '66)
**ASSISTANT COACH:** Tommy Canterbury (Louisiana Tech '70)
**PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR:** Dr. Betty Haley
**BASEBALL COACH:** Dr. James Farrar
**GOLF COACH:** Tommy Canterbury
**TENNIS COACH:** Bill Causey, Sr.
**CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK COACH:** Dr. Wayne Hanson
**TRAINER:** Kurt Brumleve (student)
**TEAM PHYSICIAN:** Dr. William S. Bundrick
**SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR:** Nico Van Thyn
**ATHLETIC SECRETARY, TICKET MANAGER:** Mrs. Terry Finklea
**ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 4188 (zip 71104)
**1976-77 BASKETBALL RECORD:** Won 11, Lost 19 (Home Record: 5-7)
**GAME TIME AT HOME:** 7:30 p.m. (CST)
**PRELIMINARY GAMES:** 5:30 p.m. (CST)

# THE PHONE BOOK

**Area Code: 318**
**College Numbers**

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**ON THE COVER:** Bobby White, Centenary's 6-6 senior forward who averaged over 20 points a game last season, gets the traditional Hawaiian "lei" greeting at the Honolulu airport last February.

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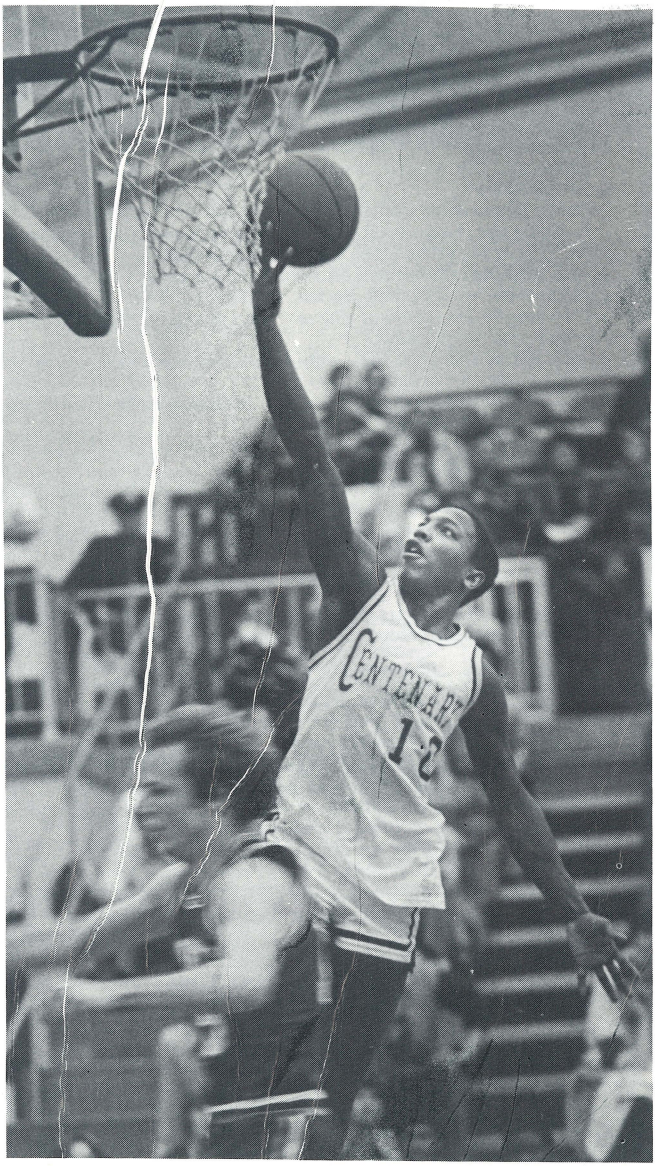
***Nationally Ranked 1974, 1975, 1976***

***Shreveport's "Best Ad" 1975***




***. . . Putting It All Together***

# THE OUTLOOK . . .

## *Rebuilding, Phase II*

Call it "Phase Two" of Centenary College's basketball rebuilding program.

A year ago, the Gents went into the season with only three varsity squad members back and seven gone, including Robert Parish and four other regulars.

Now the situation is turned around somewhat. Only two regulars are gone and there are seven players back with varsity experience.

One of those is a 20-point-per-game scorer, 6-6 senior forward **Bobby White**—a pure shooter who can be the difference in any game.

*"He's one of the best shooters in the country," says Head Coach Riley Wallace. He'll be the biggest part of our offense."*

A good recruiting campaign added five more players and at least a couple of them will get a great deal of playing time.

So improvement over last year is almost certain. Yet the schedule is tougher and the positive results may not show up until the second half of the season.

That's because the Gents will not be at full strength until then.

It will be the season's 15th game before sophomore forward **George Lett** (6-7), a transfer from the University of Hawaii, becomes eligible.

As a freshman at Hawaii, Lett averaged 10 points and 8.2 rebounds a game and started 27 times. He has, as they say, a world of potential.

*"He can be an excellent player," says Wallace, "and he makes everyone else a better player."*

With White and Lett, the Gents think they can challenge anyone at the forwards.

Yet, the question marks are the center position and the other forward before Lett is eligible.

There are many possibilities and it could mean quite a shuffling act through the first part of the season.

If—and it's a big if—7-foot sophomore **Rudy Manne** shows significant improvement, he'll be the center. He played well in spots as a freshman and a year's maturity, ankle surgery and contact lenses should help him.

*"Rudy is going to be the center," says Wallace. "He knows the position is his and that should help his confidence."*

One solution at either center or forward could be 6-9, 225-pound junior **Peter De Weys,** a transfer from Voorschoten, The Netherlands.

He's a 23-year-old veteran of five seasons of club basketball in Holland.

At forward, too, are 6-6 junior **Walter Louis,** the top sub last year and a six-game starter who, on experience, must be considered a front-runner for a starting spot; and two freshmen—6-7 **John Derenbecker** of New Orleans and 6-8 **Stan Elfrink** of Cahokia, Ill.

*"We've recruited size and added depth up front," says Wallace, "but we still don't know how good the new people will be this year."*

At guard, the problem is different. It's a pleasant problem—who will emerge from a good, experienced and deep group.

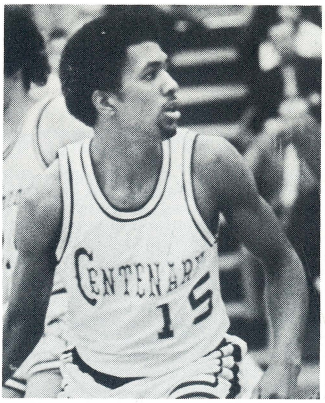
The returning regulars are seniors **Bill Schmidt** (9.5 points a game last season) and **Chris Cummings** (9.4) and sophomores **Aaron Strayhorn** (8.8) and **Kevin Starke** (5.4 points and 5.0 assists).

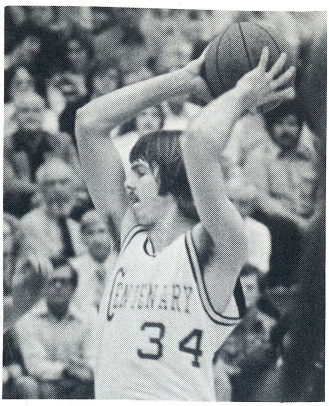
All played their first season of major college basketball last winter with Schmidt starting 29 games, Starke 17, Strayhorn 10 and Cummings the last four.

Then there are freshmen **Wayne Waggoner,** an All-Stater at Logansport (La.) High who was heavily recruited, and **Steve Kelly** of Bossier City (Airline High), the second-best career scorer in Shreveport-Bossier prep history behind Parish.

*"Where we had new, inexperienced guards last year, we now have experience," says Wallace. "People were impressed with different guards in different games. What you want is consistency and I think we'll have that this year."*

So the rebuilding continues. *"We'll be competitive," says Wallace, "but it still depends on how the year's maturity and experience has helped some of our kids."*




# BREAKING IT DOWN . . .

**TEAM OFFENSE:** A disciplined passing game, designed to get the open shots from 15 feet and in. Also a stack offense, utilized most often when the big men (Manne and De Weys) are in the game at the same time. The Gents always look for the fast break and running game.

**TEAM DEFENSE:** Almost always pressure man-to-man. "We didn't play a minute of zone last year," says Wallace, "but we'll play some this year because we'll be a slower team." If the personnel is on hand, the Gents will use fullcourt pressure man-to-man.

**SHOOTING:** Should be good. White, Cummings and Waggoner can be game-breakers and Strayhorn is better than average. The key is consistency.

**REBOUNDING:** Gone are 17.3 rebounds a game (Pitts and Barnes); but Wallace feels this year's team could be better. "We don't have the 'skiers,' but if Rudy (Manne) does the job and we box out well, we're capable of doing much better than last year."

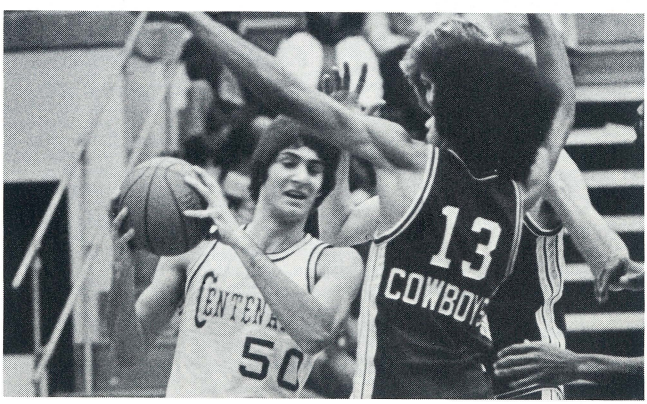
**SPEED:** Not as good as desired. Starke, Strayhorn and Lett can run with anyone, but after that it's average at best.

**SIZE:** Good. Seven players are 6-6 or better, led by Manne (7-0) and De Weys (6-9). With Schmidt (6-4) at guard, it means a tall lineup overall.

**SCHEDULE:** Tough. Start with NCAA champ Marquette and NIT entry Illinois State. Add DePaul, which beat Marquette last season and Texas, fast improving under Abe Lemons. There are 20-game winners McNeese, North Texas State and USL; Iona, which had a super recruiting year; Northeast La. and Oklahoma City — on the road; tall and talented New Orleans and Stetson; traditional rivals Northwestern and La. Tech; and Hawaii, which saved its best for the Gents last year.

**STRENGTHS:** Overall size; experience and depth at the guards; scoring potential of Bobby White and the guards; after mid-season, the forward team of White and Lett; early portion of the schedule with eight of the first 12 games at home.

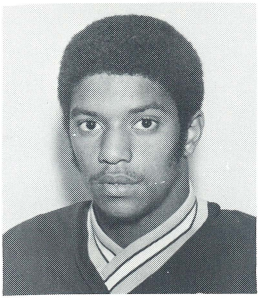
**WEAKNESSES:** Unknown quality at center and one forward; lack of experienced depth at forward (until Lett becomes eligible); team speed; only four home games in last 15 games.



# MEET THE GENTS

## CHRIS CUMMINGS — No. 40

**Guard, 6-2, 170, Senior, 22, Monticello, N. Y.**



Streak shooter extraordinary. His performance vs. Creighton at the Gold Dome last year was memorable . . . 16 points — eight long-range baskets — in 17 minutes of the second half, keying Gent comeback from 24 points down to even in the last minute. He then hit clutch free throws in a win at Hardin-Simmons, scored 21 points (10-of-15 from floor) vs. Hawaii and had 31 (15-of-27 floor) vs. North Texas State. He averaged 13.3 points in the last 11 games and started the last four. The blazing finish was a contrast from his first 2/3s of season when his playing time was limited. He had been out of competitive basketball for a year and then suffered a foot injury. When he got hot, he pushed his season scoring average to 8.4. Great shooting touch with distance. He'll have inside of starting wing guard spot.

**BACKGROUND:** Discovered by Gent coaches at Kutsher's Sports Academy summer basketball camp, he transferred from Ulster County (N.Y.) Community College. He averaged 16 and 20 ppg in his two seasons there and was MVP in Holiday Tournament with 39 points in title game . . . Played at Monticello High, averaging 25 points (with a high game of 44) as a Senior. First team All-Tri-County and second team All-New York State. Played in the All-America Classic, the Seamco Classic at Kutsher's and the Empire State Classic . . . Major: Speech . . . Son of Mrs. Bethune Cummings of Monticello . . . Born Aug. 21, 1955, at Monticello.

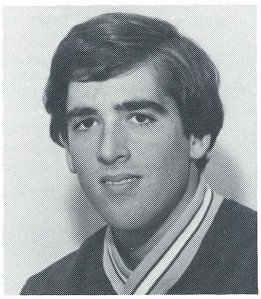
**WALLACE:** *"He's an exceptional shooter. His ballhandling and passing have improved. He has a great desire to be a winner and he's got the ability to ignite the team."*

**CAREER TOTALS**

| Season | G | FGA-FGM | Pct. | FTA-FTM | Pct. | PF-Dq | Reb.-Avg. | Pts.-Avg. | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1976-77 (Jr.) | 21 | 169-78 | .462 | 29-20 | .690 | 21-0 | 13-0.6 | 176-8.4 | 18 |

## JOHN DERENBECKER — No. 13

**Forward, 6-8, 210, Fr., 18, Metairie, La.**



A leader on the basketball floor and in the classroom. That's the background John brings to Centenary. He led Country Day (Metairie Park) to the Class A state championship game two straight years and the team won the title the second time. His off-the-floor achievements include top ranking student in his class, president of his class two years and Cum Laude Honor Society. Like many players, he'll have to adjust from being a high school center to college forward, but the Gent coaches think that'll be no problem because of his outside shooting touch and passing ability.

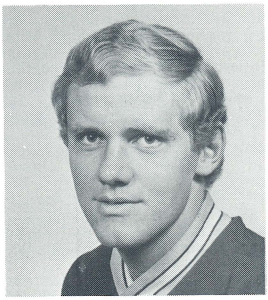
**Background:** He was a four-year letterman, three-year starter at Country Day, scoring 2,172 points, 17.2 per game. He had 1,393 rebounds, 11.1 per game, and 685 assists. His shooting percentages were 55.9 (field) and 65.3 (free throws). In his final three seasons, he averaged 22.6, 20.0 and 22.2 points a game and his rebounding ranged from 13.6 to 14.4 per game. The team was 52-12 in the final two seasons. He was "Outstanding Player" in District 7-A two seasons, second team All-State as a junior and first team as a senior and played for the East (opposite Steve Kelly and Wayne Waggoner) in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game . . . Major: History . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Derenbecker . . . Born June 12, 1959, at New Orleans.

**WALLACE:** *"He's the kind of player you like to coach — intelligent and hard-working. We think he's a sleeper, not heavily recruited but potentially a good player. We expect him to help us quite a bit this season."*

# MEET THE GENTS

## PETER DE WEYS — No. 55

**Forward-Center, 6-9, 225, Jr., 23, Voorschoten, The Netherlands**



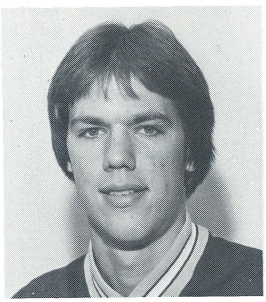
The Gents go Dutch! Recruiting went international with Peter. When the need came up for a big forward/center, the Centenary coaches recalled seeing him in the 5-Star Basketball Camp in Wheeling, W.Va., in the summer of '76. They contacted him in The Netherlands, where he was attending the University of Technology at Delft. Then they recruited him. Aiding them by writing a letter and serving as an interpreter for a phone call was the mother of SID Nico Van Thyn, whose family are Dutch immigrants. Pete, the NCAA ruled, has two seasons of eligibility. There is no high school or college basketball in Holland, just club ball of which he is a five-year veteran. His maturity and experience in the physical brand of international competition should help him in a battle for playing time.

**Background:** His American connection in Holland was Ed Strong, an acquaintance of Gent assistant Ron Kestenbaum. Selected for the Dutch team in the World University Games, but did not play because he had to report to Centenary at same time. Played in the 5-Star Orange-White Classic. An excellent student, he speaks four languages — Dutch, English, French and German . . . Major: Economics . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo De Weys . . . Born Nov. 25, 1954, at Groningen, The Netherlands.

**WALLACE:** *"He appears to be a good offensive player who can play either center or forward. He's older and he's played a lot and that should help. But he's still an unknown source."*

## STAN ELFRINK — No. 30

**Forward, 6-9, 190, Fr., 18, Cahokia, Ill.**



The latest in the line of Illinois products at Centenary, Stan gives the Gents size plus scoring ability. He averaged 31.3 points and 14.3 rebounds a game last season for St. Henry's Prep Seminary in Belleville, making him the leader in both categories for prep players in the St. Louis area. His shooting touch from 15-20 feet is one thing that impressed the Centenary coaches. They figure him for spot duty this season, particularly when scoring is needed from the forward opposite Bobby White. With maturity, Stan could be a front-line player in the future.

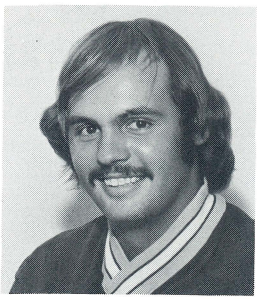
**Background:** Set almost every school record at St. Henry's, scoring 1,699 points and getting 1,016 rebounds in four years. He had 815 points and 371 rebounds as a senior, including high games of 56 points and 31 rebounds. His shooting percentages were 55.2 (field) and 70 (free throws). He was All-Chartres Conference and All-City Belleville News-Democrat three years, WIBV Radio "Player of the Year" twice, All-Illinois District by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Globe-Democrat, All-Metro by the Post-Dispatch, All-Metro East by the East St. Louis Journal and All-State by the Chicago Daily News. He played in the Illinois High School All-Star Game . . . Major: Physical Therapy . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Elfrink . . . Born June 19, 1959, at E. St. Louis, Ill.

**WALLACE:** *"He's a good shooter and what he needs now is work on his strength and stamina. He'll get some playing time this year and he has a chance to be a very good player for us in his career."*

# MEET THE GENTS

## STEVE KELLY — No. 23

**Guard, 6-1, 175, Fr., 18, Bossier City, La.**



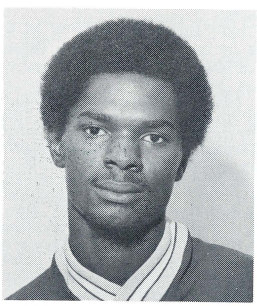
He was the No. 2 career point scorer in Shreveport-Bossier City prep basketball history and he followed the path of No. 1 (Robert Parish) to Centenary. His high school coach, Miles Holladay, called him "a coach's dream player." And why not? Steve started four years for Airline and his teams, in those 143 games, won 105 and lost 38 and earned three straight District 2-AAAA championships. A good fundamental player, he was not spectacular, but he was the classic "all he can do is beat you" type. The Gents hope the winning habit carries over.

**Background:** His career point total at Airline was 2,218, an average of 15.5 per game. His averages, in successive years, were 11.1, 15.6, 14.7 and 20.6. He also had 757 rebounds, 545 assists and 201 steals with shooting percentages of 47.6 (field) and 75.5 (free throws). He set a school record with 41 points in a state playoff game. He was Shreveport-Bossier All-City for three seasons, the last two as "Outstanding Player," made All-District 2-AAAA three years, the last as "Outstanding Player," and was second team All-State in Class AAAA. He scored 16 points in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game . . . Major: Accounting . . . Son of Mrs. Betty Kelly . . . Born July 2, 1958, in Shreveport.

**WALLACE:** *"He seems to be a player that comes up with the big plays offensively and defensively. He doesn't make many mistakes. It's hard to say how much playing time he'll get this year, but he'll add to our depth at guard and with players that have his attitude you can't go wrong."*

## GEORGE LETT — No. 33

**Forward, 6-7, 195, Sophomore, 21, New York City, N. Y.**



If Centenary fans have Jan. 21 circled on their calendars, it's no surprise. That's when George becomes eligible after 1½ seasons of waiting. He sat out last year as a transfer from the University of Hawaii and will miss the first 14 games this season because of violations at Hawaii. He was one of the nation's top freshmen for the Rainbows, averaging 10 points and 8.2 rebounds a game. He started 27 times, scored 20 points vs. Arizona State and led the team in rebounding six games (with a high of 14.) Excellent leaping ability and quickness and he can score, rebound, play defense and should be a catalyst for the Gents. Once he works into the situation he should be a team leader.

**Background:** Played for Ron Kestenbaum at Stevenson, helping the team win the New York City Section II championship in '74. He was team captain as a senior and averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds a game to earn Bronx, Manhattan and New York City All-Star team honors. Selected for Boston Shootout and played in the 5-Star Basketball Camp Orange-White Classic. Heavily recruited out of high school . . . Major: Business . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemander Lett . . . Born Jan. 29, 1957, in The City.

**WALLACE:** *"He reminds me of a greyhound — he can run all day. He can shoot, jump, has outstanding quickness and is very smooth. He's the best athlete on the team and can become a complete player, but he needs to work harder to reach it. He's a definite pro prospect.*

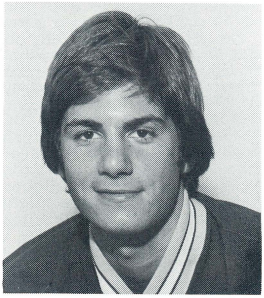
**CAREER TOTALS**
**(At Hawaii)**

| Season | G | FGA-FGM | Pct. | FTA-FTM | Pct. | PF-Dq | Reb.-Avg. | Pts.-Avg. | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1975-76 (Fr.) | 27 | 270-115 | .426 | 72-40 | .556 | 76-1 | 222-8.2 | 270-10.0 | 26 |

# MEET THE GENTS

## WALTER LOUIS — No. 50

**Forward, 6-6, 190, Junior, 21, Dallas, Tex.**



Rugged is a mild word for him. He's Aggressive. When the tempo needs to be picked up, he can do it. It's quite opposite from his off-court demeanor: Very pleasant, quiet, serious, studious. When he goes on the court, something turns him on. But he needs to alter the rough-and-tumble style to avoid fouls. The top sub at forward last year, he also started six games early in the season. He averaged 4.9 points and 2.9 rebounds in playing in all but one game. High games were 19 points (6-of-9 from floor, 7-of-8 free throws) vs. Indiana State and 11 rebounds vs. UW-Milwaukee. Doesn't mind coming off the bench, but may be a starter in the first half of the season. A lefthander.

**Background:** Averaged 12.5 points and 9.8 rebounds for the Gent jayvees two years ago. Older brother Don, now coaching high school basketball in Arlington, also played for Gents. Walt was a three-year starter at W.T. White High and made all-district as a senior with 15-point, 10-rebound averages. Had a high game of 32 points . . . National Honor Society member in high school, a 3.3 grade point average at Centenary . . . Major: Business . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Louis . . . Born Sept. 14, 1956, at Dallas.

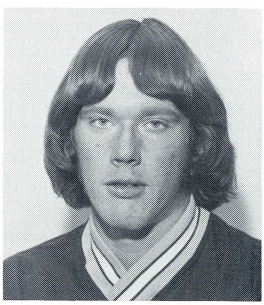
**WALLACE:** *"He's the most experienced frontcourt man we have. He comes ready to play and he's quite a competitor. He'll be used in a sixth man role or as a starter. Either way, he's a team player."*

**CAREER TOTALS**

| Season | G | FGA-FGM | Pct. | FTA-FTM | Pct. | PF-Dq | Reb.-Avg. | Pts.-Avg. | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1975-76 (Fr.) | 1 | 1-1 | 1.000 | 2-1 | .500 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-3.0 | 0 |
| 1976-77 (Soph.) | 29 | 112-52 | .464 | 53-38 | .717 | 83-7 | 84-2.9 | 142-4.9 | 12 |
| 2 years | 30 | 113-53 | .469 | 55-39 | .709 | 83-7 | 84-2.8 | 145-4.8 | 12 |

## RUDY MANNE — No. 22

**Center, 7-0, 225, Sophomore, 19, New York City, N. Y.**



Gent fans had a case of "Ru-Ru Fever" a couple of times last season when the big redhead came in to spark rallies. Still, it was a learning year for him and how much he's improved is a key to this season. He averaged only 7.2 minutes in 23 games last year, starting once. Since then, he's had ankle surgery (for bone chips). That, plus the addition of contact lenses and the year's maturity hopefully will mean significant improvement. Showed he had the instincts last year, but needed to improve his strength and agility. His high games last year were eight points vs. Hardin-Simmons and seven rebounds (three times). He blocked 27 shots — second best on the team.

**Background:** Averaged 20 points, 15 rebounds and three blocked shots a game as a junior when his Samuel Gompers High team went 21-3 and won the Bronx Division B title to make the city playoffs. As a senior, the team was 18-6 and he averaged 25 points, 20 rebounds and five blocks . . . scored 45 points in one game . . . All-Division both years and All-City New York Post and Daily News as a senior . . . All-PSAL Division B on Post team . . . MVP in Harlem League All-Star Game and Whitney Young Tournament . . . Major: Health and Physical Education . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manne . . . Born Sept. 16, 1958, in New York City.

**WALLACE:** *"He's gonna have to prove to us he can be the starting center. He should have more confidence and he seems more aggressive and determined. He did some good things last season, but the question is his consistency over a long period of time."*

**CAREER TOTALS**

| Season | G | FGA-FGM | Pct. | FTA-FTM | Pct. | PF-Dq | Reb.-Avg. | Pts.-Avg. | A |
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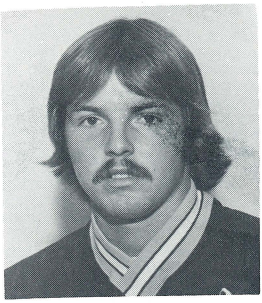
| 1976-77 (Fr.) | 23 | 61-25 | .410 | 24-9 | .375 | 40-1 | 58-2.5 | 59-2.6 | 5 |

# MEET THE GENTS

## BILL SCHMIDT — No. 34

**Guard-Forward, 6-4, 190, Senior, 21, Belleville, Ill.**



Only a late-season slump kept him from averaging over 10 points a game last year. He finished with 9.5 per game after a five-game span in which he totaled 18 points. For the most part, however, he was very steady. He started 29 games and his 30.2-minute average was tops for the guards. He led the team in steals (41), was second in assists (4.2 average) and also averaged 4.3 rebounds. Top scoring game was 20 vs. Robert Morris and he had single game highs of nine rebounds and nine assists. His steadiness is exemplified by a scoring breakdown: 8-12 points a game, 16 times; 15-20, five times; and 7-below, nine times. More at home at wing guard, but can also play the point or small forward.

**Background:** A shortstop in baseball, he led Centenary in several offensive categories last spring while batting .328. Transferred from Belleville (Ill.) Area College where he was the top scorer in the state juco basketball tournament and was named to the All-State team. He was the No. 1 player in his section and on the all-conference team after averaging 17.5 points a game. Began his college career at Missouri-St. Louis. At Belleville West High, he averaged 16 points and eight rebounds a game as a senior and made All-City, All-East Side and All-Southwestern Conference. Helped Belleville Area win state baseball title . . . Major: Government . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Schmidt . . . Born June 28, 1956, at Denver, Col.

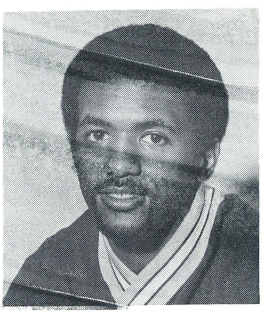
**WALLACE:** *"He needs to regain confidence in his offense, and he should. He's not overly quick, but has good speed and he's a better than average rebounder for his size. He needs to improve his ballhandling. Overall, he'll help us."*

**CAREER TOTALS**

| Season | G | FGA-FGM | Pct. | FTA-FTM | Pct. | PF-Dq | Reb.-Avg. | Pts.-Avg. | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1976-77 (Jr.) | 30 | 279-128 | .459 | 50-29 | .580 | 88-6 | 130-4.3 | 285-9.5 | 125 |

## KEVIN STARKE — No. 15

**Guard, 6-2, 175, Sophomore, 19, New York City, N. Y.**



His 155 assists last season as a freshman already puts him among the career assists leader at Centenary and, at that pace, he could easily become No. 1 as a junior. He started 17 games and averaged 25½ minutes a game. He had 12 assists vs. Chaminade, 11 vs. Texas and nine in season finale vs. McNeese. He's quick, jumps well and can dribble through any crack in the defense. A super penetrator, his game could be even stronger with better judgement of when to shoot and when to pass once he's into the lane. That should come with experience. Not a big scorer, he averaged 5.4 ppg with a high of 14 vs. North Texas State when he keyed a couple of Gent rallies. Development of a more consistent middle-range jumper will round out his offensive game. A lefthander.

**Background:** Played for Ron Kestenbaum at Stevenson High and averaged 16.5 points and six assists a game as a senior. He was rated a five-star player by Garfinkel's HSBI Scouting Report . . . All-Division on New York Post team and second team All-City by New York Daily News . . . played in the 5-Star Basketball Camp Orange-White Classic and the PSAL-CHSAA All-Star Game . . . high game of 33 points at Stevenson . . . Major: Health and Physical Education . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Starke . . . Born Jan. 24, 1958, at Petersburg, Va.

**WALLACE:** *"He's our best ballhandler and knows more of what is expected of him in our offense than anyone we have. He can play good defense. What he needs is more consistency, particularly in his scoring. He can be very valuable to the team."*

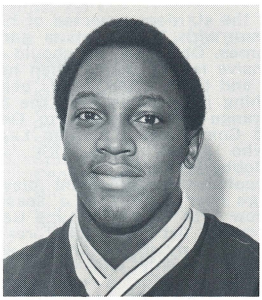
**CAREER TOTALS**

| Season | G | FGA-FGM | Pct. | FTA-FTM | Pct. | PF-Dq | Reb.-Avg. | Pts.-Avg. | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1976-77 (Fr.) | 30 | 124-54 | .435 | 88-54 | .614 | 62-2 | 60-2.0 | 162-5.4 | 155 |

# MEET THE GENTS

## AARON STRAYHORN — No. 10

**Guard, 6-1, 170, Sophomore, 19, New York City, N. Y.**



Once he settled down and the numerous freshman mistakes diminished, he wound up with a strong first season. He averaged 8.8 points a game, impressive when you consider that there were eight games in which he played 10 minutes or less and, consequently, scored four points or less. Yet, he also started 10 times and scored 12.3 ppg over the last dozen games. He twice led the team in scoring and keyed a win vs. Hardin-Simmons with 22 points (11-of-15 from floor) plus six steals and six rebounds. He had 23 points vs. Chaminade with 11-of-13 from floor. At home at both wing and point guard, he had seven games with five or more assists. Quick with good hands and experience should make him an even better shooter.

**Background:** A five-star rating on Garfinkel's HSBI Scouting Report after his senior season at Haaren High when he averaged 24.5 points and seven assists a game. Averaged 16 ppg as a junior on a team that was unbeaten until a one-point loss in city semi-finals. All-Division and All-City on New York Post and Daily News teams. Played in the Thanksgiving Classic and a number of other All-Star games. "Athlete of the Year" at his high school . . . Nicknamed "Stray" . . . Major: Health and Physical Education . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Irie Strayhorn . . . Born June 3, 1958, in The City.

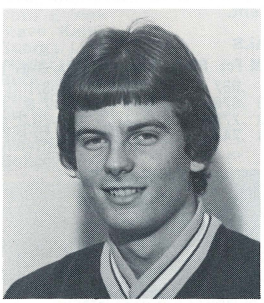
**WALLACE:** *"He can score, handle, play defense . . . he's good in all phases of the game. He's coming closer to being a complete player. He'll key our running game. He was streaky last year, but he was putting it together near the end of the season."*

**CAREER TOTALS**

| Season | G | FGA-FGM | Pct. | FTA-FTM | Pct. | PF-Dq | Reb.-Avg. | Pts.-Avg. | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1976-77 (Fr.) | 28 | 231-105 | .455 | 60-35 | .583 | 65-1 | 51-1.8 | 245-8.8 | 81 |

## WAYNE WAGGONER — No. 20

**Guard, 6-3, 170, Fr., 18, Logansport, La.**



If dedication to basketball is what counts, Wayne will be a big star for the Gents. He's already worn grooves into the Gold Dome floor working on his game. His kind of attitude — and ability — is why he was one of the most sought-after guards in the Deep South and the Gents were fortunate enough to win the recruiting battle. Although there are four returning regulars at guard, Wayne is expected to earn a great deal of playing time in his first year and should be a team leader in the future. He can play at either the wing or point guard.

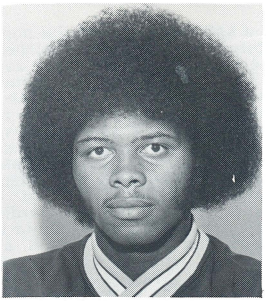
**Background:** He scored 2,134 points in his prep career at Logansport, averaging 20.9 points a game as a junior and 31 ppg as a senior. He was also a good rebounder there, averaging 10 per game as a senior. His shooting percentages were 51 (field) and 82 (free throws). He was the "Outstanding Player" in District 1-A his final two years, second team Class A All-State as a junior and a unanimous first teamer as a senior. He played in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game. An honor student with a 3.6 grade point average at Logansport, he was selected for Pelican Boys State . . . Major: Health and Physical Education . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Waggoner (his father was the Logansport High basketball coach for 16 years) . . . Born Oct. 3, 1959, at Shreveport. La.

**WALLACE:** *"He's very, very, very dedicated. He's a good shooter and ballhandler and needs to work on his passing and overall body strength. He will be an exceptional player in time and will help plenty this year."*

# MEET THE GENTS

## BOBBY WHITE — No. 42

**Forward, 6-6, 220, Senior, 21, Springhill, La.**



Found the stardom expected of him last season with 20.2 points a game in 30 games. Obviously, he should be the offensive leader again. When he's right — and that's often — his beautiful arching jump shots from the 15-25-foot range are a delight to Gent fans and Gold Dome P.A. man Larry Ryan, who greets them with "All Right!, Bobby White."

He became the sixth Gent player to average over 20 ppg in a season and is now 17th on the all-time Gent career scoring list. He should reach 1,000 points early in the season and will almost certainly end up in the top five scorers for a career. He could end up as high as seventh in rebounding.

Broke the school single season record for most field goal attempts (607) with 45 per cent accuracy and made the 30-point club four times. His high game was the spectacular 37 points vs. Louisiana Tech when he made 9-of-10 in the first half — almost all long jumpers — and then scored winning basket from corner in the final seconds to cap a big upset win. He made all-tournament teams in the Bayou Classic and Motor City Tournaments. Top Gent scorer in 19 of 30 games and top rebounder seven times.

After 10 games last season was averaging 25 points a game and ranked 12th in the nation. But he fell off with some subpar games . . . five times he scored 10 points or less (and the Gents lost all five). Physically strong and a good leaper, his game was slowed by tendonitis in both knees that hurt his running and jumping, particularly when games were bunched. An extremely even-tempered and unemotional player.

**Background:** A 31-point scorer on Gent freshman team, he broke into the starting lineup for the last 12 games as a sophomore and averaged 12.2 points and 6.3 rebounds a game in that time. At Springhill High under Coach Tommy Canterbury, he had 26 ppg as a senior and was "Outstanding Player" on Class AAA All-State team. He had 45 points in one game . . . Major: Health and Physical Education . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie White . . . Born Nov. 19, 1956, at Springhill.

**WALLACE:** *"He's a great shooter who can turn any game around. We'll depend on him a lot, of course, and hope he's a little more consistent. His rebounding will be more important, too. He needs to strengthen his defense and his offensive movement. He's a pro prospect and his attitude is excellent."*

**CAREER TOTALS**

| Season | G | FGA-FGM | Pct. | FTA-FTM | Pct. | PF-Dq | Reb.-Avg. | Pts.-Avg. | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1974-75 (Fr.) | 11 | 26-13 | .500 | 12-8 | .667 | 5-0 | 23-2.1 | 34-3.1 | 2 |
| 1975-76 (Soph.) | 27 | 212-94 | .443 | 34-23 | .676 | 33-0 | 118-4.6 | 211-7.8 | 18 |
| 1976-77 (Jr.) | 30 | 607-275 | .451 | 81-63 | .778 | 75-2 | 232-7.7 | 611-20.2 | 42 |
| Totals | 68 | 845-381 | .451 | 127-94 | .740 | 113-2 | 373-5.5 | 856-12.6 | 62 |

# ROSTER REVIEW

**STARTERS LOST** (2): John Pitts, 6-7 C-F; Al Barnes, 6-4 F.

**STARTERS RETURNING** (3): Bobby White, 6-6 F; Bill Schmidt, 6-4 G; Kevin Starke, 6-1 G.

**LETTERMEN LOST** (2): Pitts; Barnes.

**LETTERMEN RETURNING** (7): White; Schmidt; Starke; Walter Louis, 6-6 F; Aaron Strayhorn, 6-1 G; Chris Cummings, 6-2 G; Rudy Manne, 7-0 C.

### NUMERICAL ROSTER

| | |
|---|---|
| 10 | Aaron Strayhorn |
| 13 | John Derenbecker |
| 15 | Kevin Starke |
| 20 | Wayne Waggoner |
| 22 | Rudy Manne |
| 23 | Steve Kelly |
| 30 | Stan Elfrink |
| 33 | George Lett |
| 34 | Bill Schmidt |
| 40 | Chris Cummings |
| 42 | Bobby White |
| 50 | Walter Louis |
| 55 | Peter De Weys |

### BY HEIGHT

| | |
|---|---|
| 7-0 | Rudy Manne |
| 6-9 | Peter De Weys |
| 6-9 | Stan Elfrink |
| 6-8 | John Derenbecker |
| 6-7 | George Lett |
| 6-6 | Walter Louis |
| 6-6 | George Lett |
| 6-4 | Bill Schmidt |
| 6-3 | Wayne Waggoner |
| 6-2 | Kevin Starke |
| 6-2 | Chris Cummings |
| 6-1 | Steve Kelly |
| 6-1 | Aaron Strayhorn |

### BY CLASSES

**SENIORS** (3) — Chris Cummings, Bill Schmidt, Bobby White

**JUNIORS** (2) — Peter De Weys, Walter Louis

**SOPHOMORES** (4) — George Lett, Rudy Manne, Kevin Starke, Aaron Strayhorn

**FRESHMEN** (4) — John Derenbecker, Stan Elfrink, Steve Kelly, Wayne Waggoner

### BY STATES

**NEW YORK** (5) — Chris Cummings, George Lett, Rudy Manne, Kevin Starke, Aaron Strayhorn

**LOUISIANA** (4) — John Derenbecker, Steve Kelly, Wayne Waggoner, Bobby White

**ILLINOIS** (2) — Stan Elfrink, Bill Schmidt

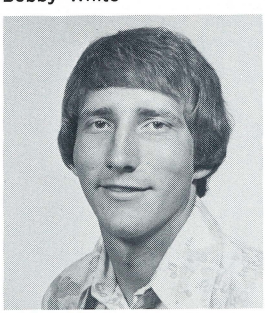
**TEXAS** (1) — Walter Louis

### BY COUNTRIES

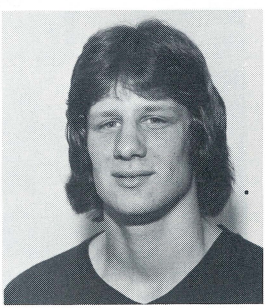
**HOLLAND** (1) — Peter De Weys
**USA** (12) — All the rest.

### METRIC ROSTER

| | Height | Weight |
|---|---|---|
| Chris Cummings | (6-2) 1.88 | (170) 77.01 |
| John Derenbecker | (6-8) 2.03 | (210) 95.13 |
| Peter De Weys | (6-9) 2.06 | (225) 101.93 |
| Stan Elfrink | (6-9) 2.06 | (190) 86.07 |
| Steve Kelly | (6-1) 1.85 | (175) 79.38 |
| George Lett | (6-7) 2.01 | (195) 88.34 |
| Walter Louis | (6-6) 1.98 | (190) 86.07 |
| Rudy Manne | (7-0) 2.13 | (225) 101.93 |
| Bill Schmidt | (6-4) 1.93 | (190) 86.07 |
| Kevin Starke | (6-2) 1.88 | (175) 79.28 |
| Aaron Strayhorn | (6-1) 1.85 | (170) 77.01 |
| Wayne Waggoner | (6-3) 1.91 | (170) 77.01 |
| Bobby White | (6-6) 1.98 | (220) 99.66 |



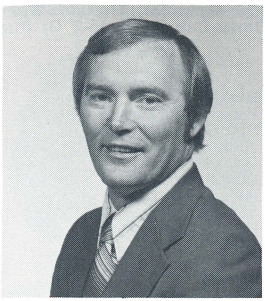
**ED WALLACE**
Student Manager
Jr., East Alton, Ill.



**KURT BRUMLEVE**
Student Trainer
Fr., Teutopolis, Ill.

# RILEY WALLACE . . .

## *Athletic Director, Head Coach*



Speaking out is characteristic of Riley Wallace.

So is enthusiasm.

That's why it wasn't surprising last spring when, at a Gents Club luncheon, Wallace predicted a 20-win season and NCAA Tournament spot for Centenary in the very near future.

If anyone knows the potential of Centenary College and its basketball and athletic programs, it is Robert Riley Wallace, Class of '64 and, for the past 10 years, a member of the coaching staff.

After nine years as the top assistant basketball coach and chief recruiter, he became head coach and athletic director on April 10, 1976.

As part of the coaching team that recruited Robert Parish and his surrounding cast, Wallace helped build the most successful four-year record in Centenary basketball history.

Now that same type of success — to an even greater degree — is his goal.

*"We've been there for a short time," says Wallace, "but it's something that can be maintained over a long period of time. We're a strong, recognized program throughout the nation and that helps us recruit. We'll go after the best players we can."*

Wallace's first season as head coach was dubbed "A New Era" because only three players returned off the previous year's varsity. The rebuilding process began with an 11-19 record that included a multitude of close losses.

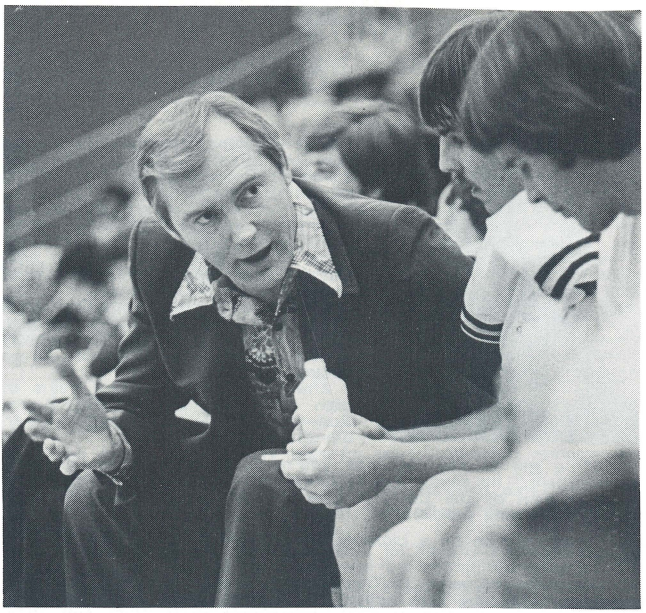
*"I think we've gone about rebuilding the right way," he says. "We didn't go heavily for junior college transfers. We went for the student-athlete types who can stay four years and work into the program. It might take a little longer to get where you want, but it'll be worth it when you do."*

Despite Centenary's status as the smallest school (by enrollment) in Division I, Wallace is confident the Gents can play with some of the nation's top basketball powers. And the schedule — past, present and future — indicates that.

*"We'll play as good a schedule as we can get," says Riley. "It's difficult to get together with many schools. We'd like to have some of them come into Shreveport, maybe for a tournament if we can get the backing. Of course, we'll keep our traditional rivals and keep taking the nice trips, which, I think, are part of the educational process for the players."*

As athletic director, Wallace has found public relations (and fund-raising) an increasingly important part of the job.

*The Wallace Family: Kim, Joan, Rob, Riley*



It is something at which he spends a lot of time. The tall redhead has a full load of luncheon speaking engagements, basketball clinic and camp visits, golf matches (his favorite hobby) and the like . . . anywhere he can visit with people and spread the word on Centenary.

*"We're shooting for the solid total program," he says. "One sport strengthens the other. If you want to touch the community, get their financial support, you've got to interest people in all our sports.*

*"Some people that are tennis or golf fans, may not be basketball fans. And vice versa. So you've got to try to get them interested at all levels."*

With P.R. in mind, promotions for Gent basketball will be emphasized more. Such as "Basketball Day," a Wallace innovation last season.

*"We have to do more than we have," he says. "We've been satisfied too many times with smaller crowds. We've got to go out and promote, meet the public, get the publicity.*

*"We have a good nucleus of fans, but we need it to be bigger. We've got to promote the products, get them in to see it and give them a good showing. You've got to do things to get them in your house."*

With his players, the press, fans, opponents and — yes — the officials, Wallace is outspoken. He says what he believes — and he believes it strongly.

He is concerned with his players' needs and makes a strong effort to see that they graduate from Centenary — something he's been doing since he returned as assistant coach in 1967-68.

He first came to Centenary in 1959 as a freshman basketball player recruited out of Jerseyville, Ill., by Orvis Sigler, who also brought him back as a coach.

Wallace, now 36, captained the Gents in his final two seasons, was Most Valuable Player in the Gulf South Classic in 1962 and takes great pride in being among the Gent career scoring and rebounding leaders.

He coached the Gent freshmen team one year, then returned to Illinois (Litchfield) to coach for three years. At Centenary, he was chief assistant under three head coaches.

He has recruited and scouted from coast-to-coast and, for eight years, coached the jayvee teams, including a 20-4 club in 1971-72.

Now the program is his responsibility and one thing was clear in the first year: For pure excitement — win or lose — Centenary basketball didn't miss a beat.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:** Ht. 6-5. Wt. 215. Born Oct. 28, 1941, at Grafton, Ill. Graduated Jerseyville (Ill.) High School, 1959. Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Centenary, 1964. Masters' degree in Education from University of Illinois, 1967. Married Joan Williams of Monroe, La., Aug. 3, 1963. Children: Robert Riley, Jr. (Rob), 4, and Kimberly Joan, 6 months.

# RON KESTENBAUM . . .

## *Chief Assistant Coach*

This is Ron Kestenbaum's second year as chief assistant basketball coach at Centenary and as national recruiting coordinator.

The New York City native and resident for 33 years isn't greeting people with "howdy, y'all" yet since his move to the Deep South a year ago. But he likes where he is and what he's doing.

"It's a lot more fun getting on a 747 and going to Hawaii," he laughs, "than getting on the IND subway and going to 116th Street for a basketball game."

After six very successful years of high school coaching in The Bronx, Ron found college coaching a different life last year.

"You get to see the kids you're coaching in a lot different environment," he says. "You're living with them, or close to them, a great deal of the time. It gives you a better insight to their personalities and problems.

"You have to be a close family, otherwise you're not going to exist."

Kestenbaum came to Centenary a proven winner. Starting a program at a new high school, he built a 74-26 record at Adlai Stevenson with Section II NYC championships in 1973 and 1974. He was The City's "Coach of the Year" in '74.

He has helped bring several New York City products to Centenary, including two players (George Lett and Kevin Starke) who were with him at Stevenson.

Kestenbaum will recruit The City and in the Northeast, but stresses the Gents will go anywhere "to get the best players we can. We're going after the type of students who will fit in with us academically and socially . . . someone who can be a credit to Centenary and himself. And we want them to stay with us for four years or whatever it takes to graduate."

Among Ron's hobbies is physical fitness. He's an avid runner.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:** Ht. 5-9. Wt. 155. Born Sept. 16, 1943, in New York City. Graduated Stuyvesant High School (Manhattan), played basketball and baseball there (All-City shortstop). Bachelor's degree, 1966, and masters' degree, 1968, in physical education from Hunter College in New York City. Played two years of basketball and one year of baseball there. Married Peggy Acker of New York City March 31, 1966. Children: Matthew, 9, and Russell, 7.

*The Kestenbaum Family: Matthew, Peggy, Ron, Russell*

# TOMMY CANTERBURY . . .

## *Assistant Coach, Golf Coach*

His titles at Centenary are assistant basketball and head golf coach. Tommy Canterbury could also be described as a salesman and stand-up (or sit-down) comedian.

Tommy simply enjoys people — meeting them, being with them, entertaining them. And people like him.

His down-home personality may be traced to growing up in and around Simsboro, La., one of those little places where everyone knows everyone.

Canterbury is in his second year at Centenary and is in charge of recruiting the South, particularly Louisiana and the nearby states.

His influence was evident with the recruiting of several Louisiana athletes last year in basketball and golf. And the Gents made strong bids for other top-notch athletes who went elsewhere.

When recruiting, Canterbury fits the salesman part.

"Recruiting is selling — yourself, your school, your city and your (basketball or golf) program.

"I feel Centenary athletics has a lot to offer, therefore I feel comfortable and honest in selling and promoting our program."

Tommy is a popular speaker at luncheons, banquets, classes — wherever he's invited. "I like it," he says. "It's a chance to promote the program and you should never pass up that chance."

In recruiting, he counts on persistence. "My first year, I was surprised at the enormous amount of time it involves and how personally involved one gets doing it. It's very competitive.

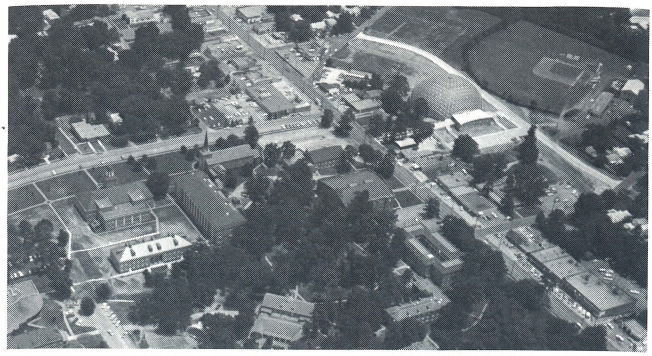
"Many college coaches say that recruiting is their least favorite part of basketball," he adds. "Personally, I enjoy it as much as the coaching."

Canterbury coached seven years in high school, one at Dodson and six at Springhill, compiling a 142-105 (.575) record. The big year was 1973-74 at Springhill when Bobby White led a 35-4 team to the District 1-AAA title and Tommy earned "Coach of the Year" honors in the league.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:** Ht. 5-10. Wt. 175. Born May 18, 1947, at Ruston, La. Graduated Simsboro (La.) High School, 1965. Played basketball and baseball there (all-district twice in each sport). Bachelor's degree in Social Studies Education from Louisiana Tech University, 1970. Masters' degree in Physical Education from Louisiana Tech, 1974. President, Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Tech (1970). Married Carol Ann Thornhill of Columbia, La., June 5, 1971. Children: Chad, 3.

*The Canterbury Family: Carol, Chad, Tommy*

# A PROUD SCHOOL . . .



A small college atmosphere and big city living.

That's the combination offered by Centenary College and Shreveport, La.

Centenary is the smallest NCAA Division I school in enrollment, yet Shreveport is the center of the Ark-La-Tex region and the metropolitan area's population is 348,000.

Centenary is a fully-accredited four-year liberal arts college sponsored by the United Methodist Church. It is the oldest chartered institution of high education in the United States west of the Mississippi River, having been founded in 1825.

Approximately 50 per cent of the student body is from Louisiana and 65 per cent of the students live on campus. There are three dormitories for women and two for men.

Professional programs offered by the college including accounting, business, church careers, computer science, early childhood education, journalism and public administration. Graduates certified by the department of education who seek positions have been hired without exception in the last three years and 85 per cent of the pre-medical, pre-dental and pre-law students are accepted at professional schools.

The campus is especially beautiful in the spring when the azaleas bloom in the Crumley Memorial Gardens.

Shreveport is located in Northwest Louisiana, just 20 miles east of the Texas state line.

The city hosts the Holiday-in-Dixie Festival each April and the Louisiana State Fair each October. There are many entertainment outlets, including Shreve Square in downtown.

Shreveport's 50,000-seat State Fair Stadium was the home for the Shreveport Steamer of the World Football League and is now the site for several major college football games each fall, including the newest NCAA bowl game — the Independence Bowl.

Shreveport also has a professional baseball team, the Captains, in the Class AA Texas League.

Bossier City, the sister city located just across the Red River, is the home of Barksdale Air Force Base and Louisiana Downs, a $26 million plant for thoroughbred racing.

# . . . AND ITS CITY

# DR. DONALD WEBB . . .

## . . . The New President

He played soccer and rugby until he was 26 years old and later coached both sports.

He is "a fervent fan of the Cincinnati Reds and Cincinnati Bengals" who "loves Ohio State" and is NOT a member of the Woody Hayes fan club.

Dr. Donald A. Webb, who became Centenary College's 33rd president on June 1, describes himself as "an enthusiast of athletics."

He is the kind of fan, he said in a casual conversation recently, who "when I'm watching a soccer game, I can yell my lungs out."

"I haven't been exposed to basketball much," Dr. Webb noted, "but now's my chance."

Athletics at Centenary, he said, "has a crucial part to play in a liberal arts education. It should be in proportion to the rest of college life, however. It shouldn't dominate . . . no extracurricular activity should. But I want to see athletics prosper."

Dr. Webb's background in soccer and rugby comes natural because he was born in Wales of English parents and lived in England from age 9 until he immigrated to the United States in 1959.

It may seem strange that at his size (5-foot-4) he played rugby, an extremely rugged sport. "Fortunately," he explains with a chuckle, "I was like a rubber ball. I could never be hurt."

Dr. Webb, 51, made a strong early impression in the Centenary community and Shreveport with entertaining, moving speeches before convocation audiences.

"My chief concern is that the quality of our life together — of students, of faculty, of staff — should be the highest," he said.

And he stressed communication and a need for new ideas and new programs. "In the campus community, if we have a problem, or a hard decision to make, or a disagreement, let's discuss it, if we can," he said. "Let's consult with as many people as possible who will be affected by the outcome. It's true, I'm paid to make decisions and I will. But on the way to them, I need all the counsel I can get."

Dr. Webb, who has authored two plays and written numerous published articles, came to Centenary from The Methodist Theological School in Ohio, where he earned his Master of Divinity degree in 1963.

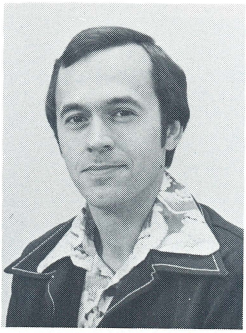
He had been dean of admissions there and was serving as vice president, chief development officer and professor of theology and literature at the time of his Centenary appointment.

He was educated at King's private school in Peterborough, England, to the age of 18, and did undergraduate work at Queen's College, Cambridge University, in 1945.

From 1945 to 1953 he served as an officer in the British Royal Navy, for the last three years as Commanding Officer of the British Naval Ship H.M.S. Switha. From 1953 to 1958 he was Inspector in the British Social Services and in 1958 he came to the U.S. and began study at Ohio Wesleyan University where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1960.

He and his wife, Renee, have five children — two married daughters, Cheryl and Marian; a son, Christopher, a teacher at Ohio Wesleyan; daughter Alison, 13, and son Ian, 11. They became U.S. citizens in 1965.

# ATHLETIC STAFF



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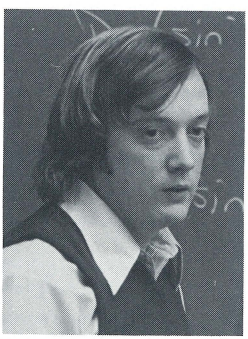
**DR. JAMES FARRAR**
Baseball Coach

**DR. BETTY HALEY**
Head of P.E. Dept.
Cheerleader, Pom-Pon
Sponsor

**TERRY FINKLEA**
Secretary, Ticket Manager

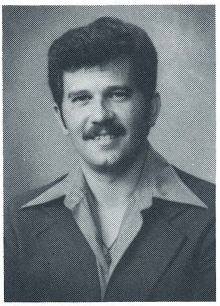


**DR. DAVID THOMAS**
Faculty Athletic Chairman

**NICO VAN THYN**
Sports Information Director

# JIM HAWTHORNE . . .

## *"Voice of the Gents"*



Jim Hawthorne will be in his sixth season as the radio play-by-play voice of Centenary basketball. He'll describe all the Gents' games home and away on KWKH Radio (1130 AM) in Shreveport, a 50,000-watt station that transmits into 32 states.

"It's not only been a pleasure doing Centenary basketball," says Hawthorne, "but also very rewarding personally to be associated with a very successful major college program. We feel it's a big part of our community service program at KWKH."

Jim particularly enjoyed watching the development of Robert Parish — he broadcast every Centenary game Robert played in — and enjoys traveling "from Massachusetts to Hawaii and back."

Hawthorne, 33, is a Northwestern State graduate originally from Anacoco, La. He is program director at KWKH and he and wife Phyllis have two daughters, Jamie Lynn, 10, and Mandy, 1.

## HOME GAME PRESS TABLE CREW

Public Address Announcer — Larry Ryan
Official Scorer — John Marshall
Timer — Mason Dunn
Statistics — Jerry Peyton, Rick Davis, Mark Hargis, Mike Clayman
Play-by-Play Typist — Brent Lutz

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# TRAVEL PLANS

**Stetson** — Leave Dec. 7 at 8:15 a.m. on Delta flight 326. Arrive Orlando, Fla., 1:35 p.m., drive to Deland. Headquarters — University Inn (904-734-5711). Return Dec. 11, arrive Shreveport 8:47 p.m. on Delta flight 611.

**McNeese** — Bus to Lake Charles Dec. 20, arrive 4 p.m. Headquarters — Sheraton Chateau Charles Motor Hotel (318-882-6130). Return after game Dec. 21.

**Marquette** — Leave Jan. 5 at 9:58 a.m. on Delta flight 44. Arrive Milwaukee 1:40 p.m. on North Central flight 205. Headquarters — Holiday Inn Central (414-344-7600). Return Jan. 7, arrive Shreveport 5:37 p.m. on Delta flight 763.

**Northeast La.** — Bus to Monroe Jan. 14. Return after game.

**Oklahoma City** — (travel by charter plane). Leave Jan. 17 at 11 a.m., arrive Oklahoma City 2 p.m. Headquarters — Sheraton Century Center Hotel (405-235-2790). Return after game that night.

**Northwestern State** — Bus to Natchitoches Jan. 23. Return after game.

**Lamar** — Bus to Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 27, arrive 4 p.m. Headquarters — Ramada Inn (713-892-7722). Return after game Jan. 28.

**North Texas State** — Bus to Denton, Tex., Feb. 5, arrive 4 p.m. Headquarters — Ramada Inn (817-387-0591). Return after game Feb. 6.

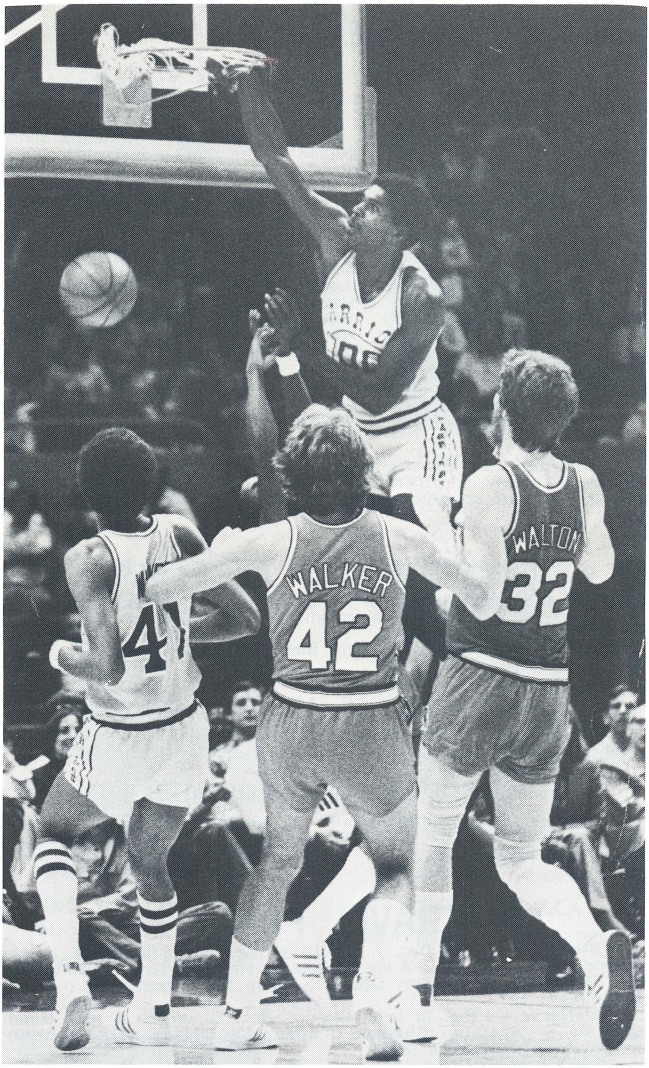
**Hardin-Simmons** — (travel by charter plane). Leave Feb. 9 at 11 a.m., arrive Abilene, Tex., 2 p.m. Return after game that night.

**Southwestern, La.** — Bus to Lafayette Feb. 14, arrive 4 p.m. Headquarters — Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge (318-234-8321). Return after game Feb. 15.

**Iona-Long Island** — Leave Feb. 17 at 8 a.m. on Delta flight 824, arrive New York City (LaGuardia) 1:02 p.m. Headquarters — Ramada Inn Midtown (212-581-7000).

**Pan American** — Leave New York City Feb. 21, arrive McAllen, Tex., on Texas International flight 960 at 5:22 p.m. Headquarters — Sheraton Fairway Motor Hotel (512-682-2445). Return Feb. 24, arrive Shreveport 12:04 p.m. on Delta flight 822.

**Louisiana Tech** — Bus to Ruston March 1. Return after game that night.




# ROBERT PARISH . . .

## *A Warrior!*

Robert Parish vs. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bill Walton, Bob Lanier, Artis Gilmore, Dave Cowens, etc.

For years Centenary fans speculated on how their man Parish would do in professional basketball. Last season they found out.

He more than held his own as a rookie with the Golden State Warriors averaging 9.1 points and 7.1 rebounds a game in the regular season and helping his team reach the playoffs. His playing time increased drastically in the last two months of the season, reaching a point where he was the Warriors' man in the middle in crucial situations.

It's exactly what those Centenary faithful expected: That Robert Parish is among the world's best basketball players.

# THE PARISH LEGEND

- Top rebounder in the nation in 1974-75 (15.4 per game) and 1975-76 (18.0); ranked No. 3 as freshman in 1972-73 (18.7) and No. 5 as a sophomore in 1973-74 (15.3)
- Shreveport's "Best Ad" of 1975
- Jim Corbett Memorial Award as Louisiana's outstanding amateur athlete of 1975
- Captain and starting center, U.S. Pan American team 1975
- Starting center, U.S. Intercontinental Cup Games team 1975
- Louisiana Collegiate "Player of Year" . . . three times (1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76)
- All-Louisiana Collegiate Team . . . four times (1972-73, 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76)
- All-Louisiana Collegiate "Freshman of Year" 1972-73
- Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation All-American 1974, 1975 and 1976
- The Sporting News All-American first team 1976
- Converse Rubber Co. All-American second team 1976
- Independent All-American 1975 and 1976
- All-South Independent Team 1974 and 1975
- National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) District 6 Team, 2nd team in 1974 and first team in 1975
- All-American Team Sports Quarterly 1974
- Street and Smith's All-American second team 1975
- Full Court Press All-American second team 1975
- What's Going On All-American third team 1976
- All-Tournament Hall of Fame Tournament 1974
- All-Tournament All-College Tournament 1974 and 1975, Most Valuable Player 1975
- Basketball Weekly All-American third team 1976
- Centenary team captain three years (1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76)
- No. 1 Draft Choice, Golden State Warriors 1976

**CAREER TOTALS**

| Season | G | FGM-FGA | Pct. | FTM-FTA | Pct. | PF-DQ | Reb. | Avg. | Pts. | Avg. | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1972-73 | 27 | 285-492 | .579 | 50-82 | .610 | 79-0 | 505 | 18.7 | 620 | 23.0 | 25 |
| 1973-74 | 25 | 224-428 | .526 | 49-78 | .628 | 75-3 | 382 | 15.3 | 497 | 19.9 | 34 |
| 1974-75 | 29 | 237-423 | .560 | 74-112 | .660 | 106-8 | 447 | 15.4 | 548 | 18.9 | 43 |
| 1975-76 | 27 | 288-489 | .589 | 93-134 | .694 | 91-5 | 486 | 18.0 | 669 | 24.8 | 48 |
| 4 Years | 108 | 1034-1832 | .564 | 266-406 | .655 | 351-16 | 1820 | 16.9 | 2334 | 21.6 | 150 |

# NO. 00 RETIRED

Robert Parish is still wearing No. 00 for the Golden State Warriors, but no Centenary player will ever wear that number again.

Parish's jersey number was retired after his senior season and now hangs in the trophy case in the Gold Dome foyer.

It is displayed with the blue jersey which Robert wore in leading the United States 1975 Pan American Games basketball team to a gold medal and many of the plaques and trophies acquired by Centenary during the Parish Era.

# OPPONENTS' FACTS

## PLACES WHERE THE GENTS PLAY

| Opponent | Place | Capacity |
|---|---|---|
| Hatter Classic (Stetson host) | Edmunds Center | 5,000 |
| McNeese State | Lake Charles Civic Center | 6,500 |
| Marquette | Milwaukee Arena | 10,938 |
| Northeast La. | Ewing Coliseum | 8,000 |
| Oklahoma City | Frederickson Field House | 3,400 |
| Northwestern State | Prather Coliseum | 3,000 |
| Lamar | McDonald Gymnasium | 5,000 |
| North Texas State | North Texas Coliseum | 10,000 |
| Hardin-Simmons | Taylor County Coliseum | 6,500 |
| Southwestern La. | Blackham Coliseum | 9,000 |
| Iona | Mulcahy Campus Center | 3,000 |
| Long Island | Schwartz Center | 2,000 |
| Pan American | PAU Field House | 5,000 |
| Louisiana Tech | Memorial Gymnasium | 5,500 |

| Opponent | Nickname | Enrollment | 1976-77 Record (Home) |
|---|---|---|---|
| McNeese St. | Cowboys | 6,000 | 20-7 (11-2) |
| Northwestern St. | Demons | 7,000 | 17-9 (11-2) |
| Stetson | Hatters | 2,000 | 15-17 (8-7) |
| Arkansas St. | Indians | 7,303 | 15-12 (9-5) |
| New Orleans | Privateers | 14,000 | 18-10 (10-1) |
| Texas | Longhorns | 44,500 | 13-13 (9-4) |
| DePaul | Blue Demons | 10,500 | 15-12 (10-3) |
| Portland | Pilots | 2,300 | 12-14 (8-5) |
| Lamar | Cardinals | 11,500 | 12-17 (8-5) |
| Marquette | Warriors | 12,422 | 25-7 (11-5) |
| North Texas St. | Mean Green | 17,000 | 21-6 (11-2) |
| Hawaii | Rainbows | 21,000 | 9-18 (9-11) |
| Northeast La. | Indians | 9,098 | 15-12 (9-4) |
| Oklahoma City | Chiefs | 2,300 | 14-12 (7-2) |
| Hardin-Simmons | Cowboys | 1,750 | 6-21 (5-9) |
| Pan American | Broncos | 9,000 | 17-9 (11-1) |
| Louisiana Tech | Bulldogs | 9,056 | 13-13 (8-5) |
| Southwestern La. | Ragin' Cajuns | 13,500 | 21-8 (11-3) |
| Iona | Gaels | 5,000 | 15-10 (11-1) |
| Long Island | Blackbirds | 7,000 | 9-16 (5-5) |
| Illinois State | Redbirds | 19,000 | 22-7 (12-2) |

| Opponent | Head Coach | College Record (Record at School) |
|---|---|---|
| McNeese State | Glenn Duhon | 1st year |
| Northwestern St. | Tynes Hildebrand | 12 yrs., 167-145 (.535) |
| Stetson | Glenn Wilkes | 20 yrs., 315-219 (.590) |
| Arkansas State | Marvin Adams | 1 yr., 15-12 (.556) |
| New Orleans | Bill Van Breda Kolff | 15 yrs., 308-108 (.740)<br>1st year at UNO |
| Texas | Abe Lemons | 22 yrs., 377-210 (.642)<br>1 yr., 13-13 (.500) |
| DePaul | Ray Meyer | 35 yrs., 544-324 (.627) |
| Portland | Jack Avina | 7 yrs., 73-115 (.388) |
| Lamar | Billy Tubbs | 3 yrs., 43-41 (.512)<br>1 yr., 12-17 (.414) |
| Marquette | Hank Raymonds | 6 yrs., 111-47 (.703)<br>1st year at Marquette |
| North Texas St. | Bill Blakeley | 2 yrs., 43-10 (.811) |
| Hawaii | Larry Little | 6 yrs., 109-51 (.681)<br>1 yr., 9-18 (.333) |
| Northeast La. | Lenny Fant | 24 yrs., 345-245 (.585)<br>20 yrs., 283-208 (.576) |
| Oklahoma City | Paul Hansen | 4 yrs., 48-57 (.457) |
| Hardin-Simmons | Jim Shuler | 5 yrs., 89-46 (.659)<br>1st year at H-SU |
| Pan American | Bill White | 9 yrs., 125-101 (.553)<br>1 yr., 17-9 (.654) |
| Louisiana Tech | J. D. Barnett | 1st year |
| Southwestern La. | Jim Hatfield | 2 yrs., 28-27 (.509) |
| Iona | Jim Valvano | 6 yrs., 68-77 (.469)<br>2 yrs., 25-26 (.490) |
| Long Island | Paul Lizzo | 6 yrs., 75-73 (.507)<br>2 yrs., 24-28 (.462) |
| Illinois State | Gene Smithson | 2 yrs., 42-14 (.750) |

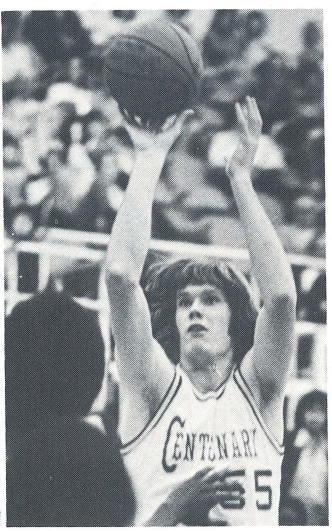
# OPPONENTS' FACTS

| Opponent | SID | Office Phone | Home Phone |
|---|---|---|---|
| McNeese St. | Louis Bonnette | (318) 477-0170 | (318) 477-4182 |
| Northwestern St. | Dan McDonald | (318) 357-6466 | (318) 352-5499 |
| Stetson | Fred Cooper | (904) 734-4121 | (305) 295-0857 |
| Arkansas St. | Jerry Schaeffer | (501) 972-2077 | (501) 972-0243 |
| New Orleans | Robert Steckel | (504) 288-3161, ext. 230 | (504) 895-3649 |
| Texas | Bill Little | (512) 471-7437 | (512) 926-2088 |
| DePaul | Marty Hawkins | (312) 321-8010 | (312) 281-1688 |
| Portland | Dan Friedhoff | (503) 283-7117 | (503) 288-8743 |
| Lamar | Joe Lee Smith | (713) 838-7710 | (713) 892-5315 |
| Marquette | Greg Sbaraglia | (414) 224-7447 | (414) 771-8255 |
| North Texas St. | Fred Graham | (817) 788-2278 | (817) 382-3325 |
| Hawaii | Ed Inouye | (808) 948-7523 | (808) 955-2368 |
| Northeast La. | Bob Anderson | (318) 342-3190 | (318) 343-2343 |
| Oklahoma City | John Gray | (405) 521-5301 | (405) 524-9186 |
| Hardin-Simmons | Kelly Autry | (915) 677-7281, ext. 261 | (915) 698-3397 |
| Pan American | Jim McKone | (512) 381-2228 | (512) 682-5319 |
| Louisiana Tech | Keith Prince | (318) 257-3144 | (318) 255-7769 |
| Southwestern La. | George Foster | (318) 233-0655 | (318) 981-1660 |
| Iona | Pete Maneri | (914) 636-2100, ext. 355 | (201) 573-0559 |
| Long Island | Bob Gesslein | (212) 834-6090 | (516) 741-5810 |
| Illinois State | Roger Cushman | (309) 438-5631 | (309) 452-5170 |

## SERIES RECORDS VS. OPPONENTS

McNeese State, 11-4
Northwestern State, 25-37
New Orleans, 3-1
*Arkansas State, 12-7
Stetson, 1st meeting
Texas, 6-5
*DePaul, 1-1
Portland, 1-0
Lamar, 11-6
Marquette, 1st meeting
*North Texas State, 6-5
Hawaii, 6-9
Northeast Louisiana, 9-2
*Oklahoma City, 8-21
*Hardin-Simmons, 20-8
Pan American, 1-1
Louisiana Tech, 74-38
*Southwestern Louisiana, 13-12
Iona, 1st meeting
Long Island, 1-1
*Illinois State, 3-0

*Since World War II



# 1977-1978 CENTENARY CO

| No. | Player | P | Age | Ht. | Wt. | Class |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | Chris Cummings | G | 22 | 6-2 | 170 | Sr. |
| 13 | John Derenbecker | F | 18 | 6-8 | 210 | Fr. |
| 55 | Peter De Weys | F-C | 23 | 6-9 | 225 | Jr. |
| 30 | Stan Elfrink | F | 18 | 6-9 | 190 | Fr. |
| 23 | Steve Kelly | G | 18 | 6-1 | 175 | Fr. |
| 33 | George Lett | F | 21 | 6-7 | 195 | Soph. |
| 50 | Walter Louis | F | 21 | 6-6 | 190 | Jr. |
| 22 | Rudy Manne | C | 19 | 7-0 | 225 | Soph. |
| 34 | Bill Schmidt | G-F | 21 | 6-4 | 190 | Sr. |
| 15 | Kevin Starke | G | 19 | 6-2 | 175 | Soph. |
| 10 | Aaron Strayhorn | G | 19 | 6-1 | 170 | Soph. |
| 20 | Wayne Waggoner | G | 18 | 6-3 | 170 | Fr. |
| 42 | Bobby White | F | 21 | 6-6 | 220 | Sr. |

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR-HEAD COACH:**
**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Ron Kestenbaum (Hunter
**TRAINER-EQUIPMENT MAN:** Carl Liesmann

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# LLEGE BASKETBALL ROSTER

| Exp. | Hometown—High School | HS Coach |
|---|---|---|
| 1V | Monticello, N. Y.—Monticello | Bucky Roche |
| HS | Metairie, La.—Country Day | Richard Jarrett |
| Tr. | Voorschoten, The Netherlands | — |
| HS | Cahokia, Ill.—St. Henry's | Rick Keefe |
| HS | Bossier City, La.—Airline | Miles Holladay |
| Tr. | New York City, N. Y.—Stevenson | Ron Kestenbaum |
| 1V | Dallas, Tex.—W. T. White | Clarence Warren |
| 1V | New York City, N. Y.—Gompers | Julie Levine |
| 1V | Belleville, Ill.—Belleville | Roger Mueller |
| 1V | New York City, N.Y.—Stevenson | Ron Kestenbaum |
| 1V | New York City, N. Y.—Haaren | Olin Reaves |
| HS | Logansport, La.—Logansport | Larry Bagley |
| 2V | Springhill, La.—Springhill | Tommy Canterbury |

Riley Wallace (Centenary '64), 2nd year
College '66), Tommy Canterbury (Louisiana Tech '70)
**TEAM CAPTAINS:** Bill Schmidt, Aaron Strayhorn

*GENTS HAVE BEEN AND WHERE THEY'RE GOING*

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# 1976-77 . . .

## . . . A Season of Frustration

It was a season of frustration, a season when games that appeared to be victories turned into defeats in the fleeting moments.

For the Gents, there was agony in being close. The final record was 11-19 and 14 of the games were decided by four points or less . . . 11 of them losses.

Seven of those were games in which Centenary led by 3-7 points in the final five minutes and there were three overtime losses . . . two of them in double overtime.

What made it more frustrating was that the Gents played well against some of the nation's best teams. They lost by five on the road to Detroit, which made the NCAA Tournament. They led Indiana State, which made the NIT, by five points with 1½ minutes left, only to be shut out 8-0 to the finish. They trailed Creighton, another NIT club, by 24 points early in the second half at the Gold Dome and rallied to tie the game, only to lose on two free throws with five seconds left.

They forced North Texas State, a 20-game winner for the second straight year, into double overtime before losing. Ditto for a Bayou Classic first round game at Lafayette with eventual Southland Conference champ Southwestern Louisiana.

In a month's time (Dec. 11-Jan. 15), the Gents won six of nine games. That included road victories over Louisiana Tech at Ruston — when Bobby White climaxed a 37-point night with the winning basket at 0:07 — and McNeese State at Lake Charles.

But, typical of the season, it also included a homecourt loss to unheard-of Robert Morris (Pa.) College, a first-year NCAA school.

With only three players returning off the previous year's squad, it was a rebuilding year. But no one could have imagined that the Gents would be so close and so far away.

## 1976-77 Game-by-Game

| Date | Score | Site—Att. |
|---|---|---|
| Nov. 29 | North Texas State 76, Gents 69 | Away—4400 |
| Dec. 1 | Pan American 80, Gents 79 | Away—3800 |
| Dec. 4 | Northern Illinois 72, Gents 68 | DOME—2200 |
| Dec. 6 | Northwestern, La. 70, Gents 67 | Away—1875 |
| Dec. 10 | *Southwestern La. 91, Gents 88 (2 OT) | Away—2650 |
| Dec. 11 | *Gents 93, Houston Baptist 71 | Away—3300 |
| Dec. 18 | Gents 81, Southwestern La. 73 | DOME—1800 |
| Dec. 27 | †Detroit 79, Gents 74 | Away—3434 |
| Dec. 28 | †Gents 80, St. Peter's (N.J.) 74 | Away—3370 |
| Jan. 4 | Gents 85, Louisiana Tech 84 | Away—4237 |
| Jan. 6 | Indiana State 74, Gents 71 | DOME—2900 |
| Jan. 8 | Gents 86, Pan American 68 | DOME—2200 |
| Jan. 10 | Robert Morris (Pa.) 65, Gents 62 | DOME—1500 |
| Jan. 15 | Gents 69, McNeese State 62 | Away—5000 |
| Jan. 18 | Creighton 84, Gents 62 | Away—4483 |
| Jan. 20 | Wisconsin-Milwaukee 82, Gents 61 | Away—1027 |
| Jan. 22 | Indiana State 88, Gents 70 | Away—8051 |
| Jan. 25 | Gents 99, Hardin-Simmons 87 | DOME—1000 |
| Jan. 27 | Gents 79, Northwestern La. 71 | DOME—1807 |
| Feb. 1 | Texas 105, Gents 81 | Away—4000 |
| Feb. 4 | Wisconsin-Milwaukee 75, Gents 74 (OT) | DOME—1250 |
| Feb. 5 | Creighton 90, Gents 88 | DOME—1800 |
| Feb. 10 | Gents 92, Hardin-Simmons 90 | Away— 750 |
| Feb. 12 | Gents 77, Northeast La. 75 | DOME—3500 |
| Feb. 15 | Gents 95, Chaminade College 79 | Away— 800 |
| Feb. 18 | Hawaii 104, Gents 79 | Away—4786 |
| Feb. 19 | Hawaii 92, Gents 73 | Away—5345 |
| Feb. 23 | North Texas State 107, Gents 104 (2 OT) | DOME—1500 |
| Feb. 25 | Southern Mississippi 80, Gents 79 | Away—2265 |
| March 2 | McNeese State 74, Gents 71 | IMC—5229 |

*Bayou Classic at Lafayette, La.
†Motor City Tournament at Detroit

Total Attendance 90,259 (avg. 9,009)
Home Attendance: 26,686 (avg. 2,224)

# 1976-77 STATISTICS

## Final Totals (30 Games)

## RECORD: WON 11, LOST 19 (.367)

**Home Record: 5-7 (Gold Dome 5-6, Hirsch 0-1)** **Road Record: 4-12** **Neutral: 2-0**

| Player | G-GS | FGA-FGM | Pct. | FTA-FTM | Pct. | PF-Dq | A | TO | Reb. | Avg. | Pts. | Avg. | HI | MP-Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bobby White | 30-30 | 607-274 | .451 | 81-63 | .778 | 75-2 | 42 | 55 | 232 | 7.7 | 611 | 20.2 | 37 | 1141-38.0 |
| John Pitts | 30-30 | 334-164 | .491 | 95-61 | .642 | 119-10 | 41 | 101 | 310 | 10.3 | 389 | 13.0 | 24 | 956-31.9 |
| Bill Schmidt | 30-29 | 279-128 | .459 | 50-29 | .580 | 88-6 | 125 | 55 | 130 | 4.3 | 285 | 9.5 | 20 | 906-30.2 |
| Al Barnes | 30-23 | 208-115 | .553 | 75-51 | .680 | 97-6 | 73 | 70 | 209 | 7.0 | 281 | 9.4 | 22 | 928-30.9 |
| Aaron Strayhorn | 28-10 | 231-105 | .455 | 60-35 | .583 | 65-1 | 81 | 68 | 51 | 1.8 | 245 | 8.8 | 23 | 545-19.5 |
| Chris Cummings | 21-4 | 169-78 | .462 | 29-20 | .690 | 21-0 | 18 | 24 | 13 | 0.6 | 176 | 8.4 | 31 | 273-13.0 |
| Kevin Starke | 30-17 | 124-54 | .435 | 88-54 | .614 | 62-2 | 155 | 104 | 60 | 2.0 | 162 | 5.4 | 14 | 766-25.5 |
| Walter Louis | 29-6 | 112-52 | .464 | 53-38 | .717 | 83-7 | 12 | 45 | 84 | 2.9 | 142 | 4.9 | 19 | 415-14.3 |
| Rudy Manne | 23-1 | 61-25 | .410 | 24-9 | .375 | 40-1 | 5 | 15 | 58 | 2.5 | 59 | 2.6 | 8 | 165- 7.2 |
| Leroy Crayton | 4-0 | 5-2 | .400 | 0-0 | .000 | 1-0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1.0 | 2 | 6- 1.5 |
| Robbie Senn | 12-0 | 4-1 | .250 | 0-0 | .000 | 3-0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0.4 | 2 | 0.2 | 2 | 23- 2.0 |
| TEAM REBOUNDS | | | | | | | | | 192 | 6.4 | | | | |
| **GENT TOTALS** | **30** | **2134-998** | **.468** | **555-360** | **.649** | **654-36** | **555** | **543** | **1344** | **44.8** | **2356** | **78.5** | **104** | **6125-204.2** |
| **Opp. Totals** | **30** | **2095-975** | **.465** | **690-472** | **.684** | **581-19** | **524** | **508** | **1325** | **44.2** | **2422** | **80.7** | **107** | **6125-204.2** |

Rebound Margin: +0.6 Scoring Margin: —2.2 DB Reb.: Gents 79, Opp. 84

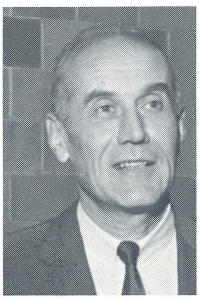
**CENTENARY STEALS (188)** — Schmidt, 41, Barnes 33, Strayhorn 32, Starke 23, Pitts 21, White 19, Louis 11, Cummings 6, Manne 2. Opponent Steals — 193.

**CENTENARY BLOCKED SHOTS (107)** — Barnes 37, Manne 27, Pitts 11, White 10, Schmidt 9, Starke 6, Louis 4, Strayhorn 3. Opponent Blocked Shots — 83.

# CENTENARY COACHING RECORDS

| Coach | Years | Seasons | Won-Lost | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Riley Wallace | 1976- | 1 | 11-19 | .367 |
| Larry Little | 1971-76 | 5 | 100-33 | .752 |
| Joe Swank | 1968-71 | 3 | 30-47 | .390 |
| Orvis Sigler | 1958-68 | 10 | 122-134 | .476 |
| Harold Mooty | 1955-58 | 3 | 50-28 | .641 |
| F.H. "Buss" Delaney | 1949-55 | 6 | 95-76 | .556 |
| Ab Young | 1947-49 | 2 | 32-36 | .471 |
| Jack Clayton | 1946-47 | 1 | 16-7 | .696 |
| Clayton Cornish | 1945-46 | 1 | 2-12 | .143 |
| Elmer Smith | 1939-42 | 3 | 24-23 | .511 |
| Curtis Parker | 1927-39 | 12 | 228-77 | .747 |
| George Hoy | 1926-27 | 1 | 2-15 | .118 |
| Homer Norton | 1922-26 | 5 | 40-31 | .563 |

Buss Delaney



Orvis Sigler

Larry Little

# THE GENTS YEAR-BY-YEAR

| Season | Coach | W-L | Pct. | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1967-77 | Riley Wallace | 11-19 | .367 | 5-7 | 6-12 |
| 1975-76 | Larry Little | 22-5 | .815 | 10-1 | 12-4 |
| 1974-75 | Larry Little | 25-4 | .862 | 13-1 | 12-3 |
| 1973-74 | Larry Little | 21-4 | .840 | 12-0 | 9-4 |
| 1972-73 | Larry Little | 19-8 | .704 | 11-2 | 8-6 |
| 1971-72 | Larry Little | 13-12 | .520 | 9-5 | 4-7 |
| 1970-71 | Joe Swank | 13-13 | .500 | 10-7 | 3-6 |
| 1969-70 | Joe Swank | 8-16 | .333 | 7-5 | 1-11 |
| 1968-69 | Joe Swank | 9-18 | .333 | 7-6 | 2-12 |
| 1967-68 | Orvis Sigler | 3-23 | .115 | 2-10 | 1-13 |
| 1966-67 | Orvis Sigler | 9-17 | .346 | 5-8 | 4-9 |
| 1965-66 | Orvis Sigler | 12-14 | .462 | 6-7 | 6-7 |
| 1964-65 | Orvis Sigler | 13-11 | .542 | 9-2 | 4-9 |
| 1963-64 | Orvis Sigler | 16-8 | .667 | 9-2 | 7-6 |
| 1962-63 | Orvis Sigler | 12-14 | .462 | 9-5 | 3-9 |
| 1961-62 | Orvis Sigler | 17-9 | .654 | 13-1 | 4-8 |
| 1960-61 | Orvis Sigler | 14-12 | .538 | 9-6 | 5-6 |
| 1959-60 | Orvis Sigler | 12-12 | .500 | 8-7 | 4-5 |
| 1958-59 | Orvis Sigler | 14-14 | .500 | 8-7 | 6-7 |
| 1957-58 | Harold Mooty | 14-12 | .538 | 11-4 | 3-8 |
| 1956-67 | Harold Mooty | 16-9 | .640 | 12-3 | 4-6 |
| 1955-56 | Harold Mooty | 20-7 | .741 | 15-3 | 5-4 |
| 1954-55 | F. H. "Buss" Delaney | 14-12 | .538 | 10-3 | 4-9 |
| 1953-54 | F. H. "Buss" Delaney | 13-12 | .520 | 11-4 | 2-8 |
| 1952-53 | F. H. "Buss" Delaney | 21-10 | .677 | 12-3 | 9-7 |
| 1951-52 | F. H. "Buss" Delaney | 17-17 | .500 | 10-3 | 7-14 |
| 1950-51 | F. H. "Buss" Delaney | 16-13 | .552 | 10-2 | 6-11 |
| 1949-50 | F. H. "Buss" Delaney | 14-12 | .538 | 10-2 | 4-10 |
| 1948-49 | *Ab Young | 21-15 | .583 | 13-2 | 8-13 |
| 1947-48 | Ab Young | 11-21 | .344 | 8-8 | 3-13 |
| 1946-47 | Jack Clayton | 16-7 | .695 | 10-4 | 6-3 |
| 1945-46 | Clayton Cornish | 2-12 | .143 | 2-5 | 0-7 |
| 1942-45 | PROGRAM SUSPENDED BY WAR | | | | |

*Resigned Feb. 1, Glenn Smith completed season.

# CENTENARY AND NCAA STATISTICS

Centenary was not listed in the NCAA Division I statistics from 1972-76. If the Gents had been included, here's how they would have ranked nationally:

**1972-73 Season**

Team, 8th in scoring (89.4 points per game).
Robert Parish, 3rd in rebounding (18.7 per game).

**1973-74 Season**

Team, 9th in W-L percentage (21-4, .848) and tied for 4th in longest winning streak (12).
Robert Parish, 5th in rebounding (15.3 per game).

**1974-75 Season**

Team, 9th in scoring (89.4 points per game); 4th in rebound margin (9.8 per game); 7th in average scoring margin (13.4 per game); tied for 6th in W-L percentage (25-4, .862).
Robert Parish, 1st in rebounding (15.4 per game).

**1975-76 Season**

Team, 5th in scoring (89.2 points per game); 8th in rebound margin (9.1 per game).
Robert Parish, 1st in rebounding (18.0 per game); 13th in scoring (24.8 points per game); 16th in field goal percentage (.589).

**PRIOR TO 1972-73**

**1968-69 Season**

Larry Ward, 14th in field goal percentage (.561) and 4th in free throw percentage.

**1967-68 Season**

Larry Ward, 2nd in free throw percentage (.887).
Team, 1st in most personal fouls committed (24.2 per game).

**1966-67 Season**

Larry Ward, 32nd in scoring (22.1 points per game).

**1965-66 Season**

Tom Kerwin, 6th in scoring (27.9 points per game).

**1964-65 Season**

Tom Kerwin, 18th in scoring (24.2 points per game).

**1963-64 Season**

Tom Kerwin, 22nd in scoring (25.2 points per game).

**COLLEGE DIVISION (Prior to 1958-59)**

**1956-57 Season**

Milton Williams, 6th in free throw percentage (.846).
Team, 4th in free throw percentage (.723).

**1955-56 Season**

Ron Viskozki, 10th in free throw percentage (.825).

# GENTS IN TOP TWENTY

| Date | Position | (Record) | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **1973-74 Season** | | |
| Jan. 22, 1974 | No. 18 | (12-0) | 41 |
| | **1974-75 Season** | | |
| Feb. 18, 1975 | No. 18 | (22-3) | 37 |
| March 18, 1975 | Tie No. 17 | (25-4) | 31 |
| March 25, 1975 | No. 19 | (25-4) | 23 |
| | **1975-76 Season** | | |
| Dec. 23, 1975 | Tie No. 19 | (6-1) | 27 |
| Dec. 29, 1975 | No. 18 | (9-1) | 35 |
| Jan. 12, 1976 | No. 18 | (14-2) | 25 |
| Jan. 27, 1976 | No. 18 | (15-3) | 15 |
| Feb. 4, 1976 | No. 18 | (17-3) | 34 |
| Feb. 11, 1976 | Tie No. 19 | (19-3) | 41 |
| Feb. 17, 1976 | No. 20 | (19-4) | 19 |
| Feb. 24, 1976 | No. 19 | (21-4) | 29 |
| March 1, 1976 | No. 20 | (21-5) | 22 |
| March 8, 1976 | No. 20 | (22-5) | 29 |
| March 16, 1976 | No. 19 | (22-5) | 25 |

**—Centenary was ranked in the Top Twenty poll 11 weeks during the 1975-76 season, including the last eight weeks in a row and a final ranking of 19th.**

# THE RECORD BOOK

## TEAM SINGLE SEASON

Most Points — 2,592, 1974-75
Most Points, Opponents — 2,569, 1967-68
Best Per Game Point Average — 89.4, 1972-73
Best Point Average, Opponents — 98.8, 1967-68
Best Scoring Margin Per Game — 13.5, 1974-75
Worst Scoring Margin Per Game — 13.9, 1967-68
Most Field Goal Attempts — 2,545, 1951-52
Most Field Goals Made — 1,083, 1974-75
Best Field Goal Percentage — .496, 1973-74
Best Field Goal Percentage, Opponents — .488, 1966-67
Most Free Throw Attempts — 868, 1958-59
Most Free Throws Made — 594, 1958-59
Best Free Throw Percentage — .792, 1968-69 (504 of 692)
Most Rebounds — 1,491, 1974-75
Best Rebound Average — 51.5, 1972-73
Most Rebounds, Opponents — 1,513, 1967-68
Best Rebound Average, Opponents — 58.2, 1967-68
Most 100-Point-Plus Games — 7, 1974-75
Most 100-Point-Plus Games, Opponents — 10, 1967-68

## INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS

Most Points — 2,334, Robert Parish, 1972-76
Best Scoring Average — 25.8, Tom Kerwin, 1963-66
Most Field Goal Attempts — 1,832, Robert Parish, 1972-76
Most Field Goals Made — 1,034, Robert Parish, 1972-76
Best Field Goal Percentage — .564, Robert Parish, 1972-76
Most Free Throw Attempts — 593, Tom Kerwin, 1963-66
Most Free Throws Made — 436, Tom Kerwin, 1963-66
Best Free Throw Percentage — .874 (298-of-341), Larry Ward, 1966-69
Most Rebounds — 1,820, Robert Parish, 1972-76
Best Rebound Average — 16.9, Robert Parish, 1972-76
Most Assists — 423, Barry McLeod, 1973-76
Most Games — 119, Dean Veatch, 1947-51
Most Personal Fouls — 351, Robert Parish, 1972-76

## INDIVIDUAL SINGLE SEASON RECORDS

Most Points — 726, Tom Kerwin, 1965-66
Best Scoring Average — 27.9, Tom Kerwin, 1965-66
Most Field Goal Attempts — 607, Bobby White, 1976-77 (made 274)
Most Field Goals Made — 288, Robert Parish, 1975-76 (att. 489)
Best Field Goal Percentage — .589, Robert Parish, 1975-76 (288 of 489)
Most Free Throw Attempts — 206, Tom Kerwin, 1965-66 (made 162)
Most Free Throws Made — 162, Tom Kerwin, 1965-66 (att. 206)
Best Free Throw Percentage — .921, Dave Deets, 1973-74 (35 of 38)
Most Rebounds — 505, Robert Parish, 1972-73
Best Rebound Average — 18.7, Robert Parish, 1972-73
Most Assists — 184, Melvin Russell, 1972,73
Most Assists — 184, Melvin Russell, 1972-73
Most Personal Fouls — 119, John Pitts, 1976-77
Most Disqualifications — 16, Dwayne McAfee, 1967-68

## CAREER LEADERS

### GAMES

Dean Veatch 119; Lenny Fant 115; Bob Wright 114; Robert Parish 108; Dean Duncan 108; Reece Timmons 106; Art Franklin 103; Larry Teague 98; Ron Viskozki 90; Cleve Strong 89; Wayne Thrash 89; Joey Johnson 88; Bill Spangler 86; John Pitts 86; Al Barnes 86.

### SCORING (By Average)

1. Tom Kerwin 25.8. 2. Robert Parish 21.6. 3. Larry Ward 19.4. 4. Leon Johnson 17.8. 5. Barrie Haynie 17.0. 6. Larry Davis 16.5. 7. Burl Plunkett 16.0. 8. Connie Mack Rea 15.92. 9. Jesse Marshall 15.91. 10. Fred Zitar 15.7. 11. Nate Bland 15.0. 12. Milton Williams 14.8. 13. Jackie Crawford 14.5. 14. Stan McAfoos 13.8. 15. Cecil Upshaw 13.7. 16. Pototo Ramirez 13.1. 17. Jimmy Williams 12.9. 18. BOBBY WHITE 12.6. 19. Marshall Crawford 12.6. 20. John Blankenship 12.4. 21. Gerald Martello 12.3. 22. Jimmy Edelen 12.3. 23. Willard Moore 12.2. 24. Joey Johnson 12.1. 25. Lee Mansell 11.9.

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| SCORING | Years Played | G | Points | Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Parish | 4 (1972-76) | 108 | 2,334 | 21.6 |
| Tom Kerwin | 3 (1963-66) | 74 | 1,910 | 25.8 |
| Larry Ward | 3 (1966-69) | 78 | 1,512 | 19.4 |
| Leon Johnson | 3 (1972-75) | 81 | 1,444 | 17.8 |
| Barrie Haynie | 3 (1963-66) | 73 | 1,243 | 17.0 |
| Larry Davis | 3 (1970-73) | 75 | 1,237 | 16.5 |
| Nate Bland | 3 (1973-76) | 81 | 1,216 | 15.0 |
| Bob Wright | 4 (1950-54) | 114 | 1,112 | 9.8 |
| Joey Johnson | 3 (1948-51) | 88 | 1,067 | 12.1 |
| Jackie Crawford | 3 (1958-61) | 73 | 1,060 | 14.5 |
| Stan McAfoos | 3 (1961-64) | 76 | 1,051 | 13.8 |
| Dean Veatch | 4 (1947-51) | 119 | 999 | 8.4 |
| Lenny Fant | 4 (1946-50) | 115 | 979 | 8.5 |
| John Blankenship | 3 (1966-69) | 78 | 968 | 12.4 |
| Cecil Upshaw | 3 (1961-64) | 69 | 946 | 13.7 |
| Ron Viskozki | 4 (1953-57) | 90 | 938 | 10.4 |
| BOBBY WHITE | 3 (1974-77) | 68 | 856 | 12.6 |
| Larry Teague | 4 (1953-57) | 98 | 830 | 8.5 |
| Connie Mack Rea | 2 (1951-53) | 52 | 828 | 15.9 |
| Jesse Marshall | 2 (1968-70) | 51 | 811 | 15.9 |
| Barry McLeod | 3 (1973-76) | 77 | 811 | 10.5 |
| Riley Wallace | 3 (1960-63) | 77 | 795 | 10.3 |
| John Hickerson | 3 (1970-73) | 78 | 789 | 10.1 |
| Fred Zitar | 2 (1969-71) | 50 | 787 | 15.7 |
| Burl Plunkett | 2 (1953-55) | 47 | 750 | 16.0 |
| Dale Van Bibber | 3 (1959-62) | 66 | 734 | 11.1 |
| John Pitts | 3 (1974-77) | 86 | 698 | 8.1 |

| REBOUNDING | Years Played | G | Rebounds | Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Parish | 4 (1972-76) | 108 | 1,820 | 16.9 |
| Tom Kerwin | 3 (1963-66) | 74 | 748 | 10.1 |
| Jackie Crawford | 3 (1958-61) | 73 | 697 | 9.5 |
| Larry Teague | 4 (1953-57) | 98 | 679 | 6.9 |
| Barrie Haynie | 3 (1963-66) | 73 | 672 | 9.2 |
| John Pitts | 3 (1974-77) | 86 | 594 | 6.9 |
| Fred Zitar | 2 (1969-71) | 50 | 591 | 11.8 |
| Leon Johnson | 3 (1972-75) | 81 | 582 | 7.2 |
| Riley Wallace | 3 (1960-63) | 77 | 571 | 7.4 |
| Jesse Marshall | 2 (1968-70) | 51 | 505 | 9.9 |
| Al Barnes | 3 (1974-77) | 86 | 505 | 5.9 |
| Dale Van Bibber | 3 (1959-62) | 66 | 462 | 7.0 |
| Larry Shoemaker | 3 (1963-66) | 72 | 451 | 6.3 |
| Morris Schrimsher | 2 (1956-58) | 46 | 425 | 9.2 |
| Billy Hester | 1 (1952-53) | 30 | 414 | 13.8 |

### REBOUNDING (By Average)

1. Robert Parish 16.9. 2. Billy Hester 13.8 (one year). 3. Fred Zitar 11.8. 4. Tom Kerwin 10.1. 5. Jesse Marshall 9.9. 6. Jackie Crawford 9.5. 7. Barrie Haynie 9.2. 8. Morris Schrimsher 9.2. 9. Gerald Martello 7.7. 10. Riley Wallace 7.4. 11. Leon Johnson 7.2. 12. Dale Van Bibber 7.0. 13. Larry Teague 6.9. 14. John Pitts 6.9. 15. Larry Shoemaker 6.3.

| FG PERCENTAGE | Years Played | G | FGA-FGM | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Parish | 4 (1972-76) | 108 | 1832-1034 | .564 |
| Fred Zitar | 2 (1969-71) | 50 | 561-301 | .537 |
| Jerry Waugh | 3 (1972-75) | 77 | 342-182 | .532 |
| Al Barnes | 3 (1974-77) | 86 | 471-248 | .527 |
| Nate Bland | 3 (1973-76) | 81 | 1056-546 | .517 |
| Larry Davis | 3 (1970-73) | 75 | 990-510 | .515 |

| FT PERCENTAGE | Years Played | G | FTA-FTM | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Larry Ward | 3 (1966-69) | 78 | 341-298 | .874 |
| Ron Viskozki | 4 (1953-57) | 90 | 304-248 | .816 |
| Milton Williams | 2 (1956-58) | 44 | 184-149 | .810 |
| Dave Deets | 3 (1971-74) | 71 | 77-62 | .805 |
| Billy Eubanks | 2 (1958-60) | 52 | 117-92 | .786 |
| Cecil Upshaw | 3 (1961-64) | 69 | 179-140 | .782 |

### ASSISTS (since 1968)

Barry McLeod 423; Melvin Russell 387; Lee Mansell 245; Dave Deets 179; John Hickerson 164; Leon Johnson 157; Kevin Starke 155; Nate Bland 151; Robert Parish 150; Larry Davis 125; Bill Schmidt 125; Milton Horne 118; Jerry Waugh 118; Al Barnes 117.

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## SINGLE SEASON LEADERS

### SCORING

| Player | Season | Class | G | Pts. | Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tom Kerwin | 1965-66 | Sr. | 26 | 726 | 27.9 |
| Tom Kerwin | 1963-64 | So. | 24 | 604 | 25.2 |
| Robert Parish | 1975-76 | Sr. | 27 | 669 | 24.8 |
| Tom Kerwin | 1964-65 | Jr. | 24 | 580 | 24.2 |
| Robert Parish | 1972-73 | Fr. | 27 | 620 | 23.0 |
| Larry Ward | 1966-67 | So. | 25 | 575 | 22.1 |
| Bob Lang | 1967-68 | So. | 26 | 539 | 20.7 |
| Larry Davis | 1971-72 | Jr. | 25 | 512 | 20.5 |
| Bobby White | 1976-77 | Jr. | 30 | 611 | 20.2 |
| Robert Parish | 1973-74 | So. | 25 | 497 | 19.9 |
| Nate Bland | 1975-76 | Sr. | 27 | 534 | 19.8 |
| Leon Johnson | 1974-75 | Sr. | 29 | 572 | 19.7 |
| Leon Johnson | 1973-74 | Jr. | 25 | 480 | 19.2 |
| Barrie Haynie | 1964-65 | Jr. | 23 | 438 | 19.0 |
| Barrie Haynie | 1965-66 | Sr. | 26 | 491 | 19.0 |
| Robert Parish | 1974-75 | Jr. | 29 | 548 | 18.9 |
| Larry Ward | 1968-69 | Sr. | 27 | 503 | 18.6 |
| Burl Plunkett | 1953-54 | Jr. | 22 | 391 | 17.9 |
| Stan McAfoos | 1961-62 | So. | 26 | 445 | 17.1 |
| Fred Zitar | 1970-71 | Sr. | 26 | 441 | 17.0 |
| Gerald Martello | 1958-59 | Sr. | 27 | 458 | 17.0 |
| Larry Ward | 1967-68 | Jr. | 26 | 434 | 16.7 |
| Jackie Crawford | 1959-60 | Jr. | 22 | 363 | 16.5 |
| Connie Mack Rea | 1952-53 | Sr. | 30 | 492 | 16.4 |
| Jesse Marshall | 1969-70 | Sr. | 24 | 383 | 16.0 |
| Jimmy Edelen | 1955-56 | Sr. | 27 | 433 | 16.0 |

### REBOUNDING

| Player | Season | Class | G | Reb. | Avg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Parish | 1972-73 | Fr. | 27 | 505 | 18.7 |
| Robert Parish | 1975-76 | Sr. | 27 | 486 | 18.0 |
| Robert Parish | 1974-75 | Jr. | 29 | 447 | 15.4 |
| Robert Parish | 1973-74 | So. | 25 | 382 | 15.3 |
| Billy Hester | 1952-53 | Sr. | 30 | 414 | 13.8 |
| Nick Panico | 1957-58 | Sr. | 14 | 180 | 12.9 |
| Fred Zitar | 1970-71 | Sr. | 26 | 333 | 12.8 |
| Bob Lang | 1967-68 | So. | 26 | 297 | 11.4 |
| Tom Kerwin | 1963-64 | So. | 24 | 264 | 11.0 |
| Morris Schrimsher | 1957-58 | Sr. | 22 | 242 | 11.0 |
| Fred Zitar | 1969-70 | Jr. | 24 | 258 | 10.8 |
| John Pitts | 1976-77 | Sr. | 30 | 310 | 10.3 |
| Jackie Crawford | 1959-60 | Jr. | 22 | 223 | 10.1 |
| Jimmy Edelen | 1955-56 | Sr. | 27 | 274 | 10.1 |
| Connie Mack Rea | 1952-53 | Sr. | 30 | 300 | 10.0 |

## MOST GAMES, 30 POINTS OR MORE

Tom Kerwin 24; Robert Parish 15; Larry Ward 8; Barrie Haynie 7; Bobby White 4; John Blankenship 3; Bob Lang 3; Milton Williams 3; Burl Plunkett 3; Billy Hester 3; Fred Zitar 2; Jimmy Williams 2; Gerald Martello 1; Jackie Crawford 1; Larry Davis 1; Harold Mooty 1; Dave Gale 1; Leon Johnson 1; Connie Mack Rea 1; Cecil Upshaw 1; Larry Shoemaker 1; Claudell Lofton 1; Ron Viskozki 1; Lester Ralph 1; Chris Cummings 1.

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## INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME RECORDS

### By Centenary

Most Points – 50, ROBERT PARISH vs. Lamar at Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 22, 1972.

Most Field Goal Attempts – 37, ROBERT PARISH vs. Lamar at Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 22, 1972 (made 25).

Most Field Goals Made – 25, ROBERT PARISH vs. Lamar at Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 22, 1972 (attempted 37).

Best Field Goal Percentage (min. 10 attempts) – .929, LARRY WARD vs. Houston at Hirsch Y.C., Jan. 25, 1969 (13 of 14).

Most Free Throw Attempts – 19, ROBERT SCOTT vs. Northwestern at Hirsch Y.C., Dec. 31, 1958 (made 18).

Most Free Throws Made – 18, ROBERT SCOTT vs. Northwestern at Hirsch Y.C., Dec. 31, 1958 (attempted 19).

Best Free Throw Percentage – 1.000 (10-of-10), MILTON WILLIAMS vs. Northwestern at Hirsch Y.C., Jan. 29, 1957.

Most Rebounds – 33, ROBERT PARISH vs. Southern Mississippi at Gold Dome, Jan. 27, 1973.

Most Assists – 17, MELVIN RUSSELL vs. LSU-New Orleans at New Orleans, Feb. 24, 1973.

### By Opponents

Most Points – 50, ELVIN HAYES, Houston, at Hirsch Y.C., Feb. 10, 1968.

Most Field Goal Attempts – 37, ELVIN HAYES, Houston, at Hirsch Y.C., Feb. 10, 1968 (made 22).

Most Field Goals Made – 22, ELVIN HAYES, Houston, at Hirsch Y.C., Feb. 10, 1968 (attempted 37).

Most Free Throw Attempts – 21, DICK BROWN, Northwestern, at Haynes Gym, Jan. 15, 1955 (made 18).

Most Free Throws Made – 18, DICK BROWN, Northwestern, at Haynes Gym, Jan. 15, 1955 (attempted 21).

Best Free Throw Percentage – 1.000 (13-of-13), RICKY SUGG, Arkansas, at Hirsch Y.C., Dec. 13, 1965, and TOMMY ROWLAND, Arkansas, at Fayetteville, Ark., Dec. 12, 1966.

Most Rebounds – 38, PAUL SILAS, Creighton, at Omaha, Neb., Feb. 19, 1962; 37, ELVIN HAYES, Houston, at Hirsch Y.C., Feb. 10, 1968; 33, CHARLIE BISHOP, Louisiana Tech, at Ruston, Feb. 28, 1967.

Most Assists – 18, VICTOR KELLY, Hawaii, at Honolulu, HI, Feb. 22, 1975.

## TEAM SINGLE GAME RECORDS

Most Points – 133, vs. Hardin-Simmons (133-94) at Gold Dome, Feb. 5, 1976.

Most Points, Opponents – 132, Lamar (132-104), at Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 13, 1968.

Most Points, Two Teams – 236 (Lamar 132, Centenary 104), at Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 13, 1968.

Biggest Centenary Win – 48 (Gents 110, Wabash College 62), at Gold Dome, Jan. 2, 1975.

Biggest Centenary Loss – 63 (Southern Illinois 130, Gents 67), at Carbonville, Ill., March 1, 1968.

### By Centenary

Most Field Goal Attempts – 105, vs. Southeastern La., at Haynes Gym, Jan. 28, 1956 (made 43).

Most Field Goals Made – 54, vs. Hardin-Simmons at Gold Dome, Feb. 5, 1976 (attempted 90).

Best Field Goal Percentage – .654 (36-of-55), vs. Northwestern, La., at Natchitoches, Jan. 14, 1974.

Most Free Throw Attempts – 54, vs. North Texas State at Denton, Tex., Dec. 13, 1956 (made 40); 54, vs. Eastern Kentucky at Hirsch Y.C., Dec. 29, 1962 (made 39).

Most Free Throws Made – 40, vs. North Texas State at Denton, Tex., Dec. 13, 1956 (attempted 54).

Best Free Throw Percentage – 1.000 (12-of-12), vs. Cincinnati at Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1967. NOTE: 33-of-34 (.971) vs. New Mexico A&M at Portales, N.M., Dec. 17, 1956 (missed first one, made next 33).

# THE RECORD BOOK

Most Rebounds – 78, vs. Tennessee Tech at Hirsch Y.C., Jan. 18, 1964.

Most Personal Fouls – 36, vs. Northwestern, La. at Haynes Gym, Jan. 15, 1955.

## By Opponents

Most Field Goal Attempts – 112, Northwestern, La. at Gold Dome, Dec. 9, 1974 (made 39).

Most Field Goals Made – 54, Houston, at Houston, Tex., Jan. 6, 1968 (attempted 96).

Best Field Goal Percentage – .707 (29-of-41), Louisiana Tech at Hirsch Y.C., Feb. 6, 1963.

Most Free Throw Attempts – 62, Northwestern, La. at Haynes Gym, Jan. 15, 1955 (made 42).

Most Free Throws Made – 42, Northwestern, La. at Haynes Gym, Jan. 15, 1955 (attempted 62).

Best Free Throw Percentage – 1.000 (12-of-12), Arkansas, at Gold Dome, Jan. 7, 1975.

Most Rebounds – 85, Houston, at Hirsch Y.C., Feb. 10, 1968.

Most Personal Fouls – 40, Loyola, at Hirsch Y.C., Jan. 13, 1964.

## TOP SINGLE GAME INDIVIDUAL SCORING

### By Centenary

| Pts. | Player | Opponent | Date | FG | FT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | Robert Parish | Lamar | 12-22-72 | 37-25 | 1-0 |
| 47 | Tom Kerwin | Louisiana Tech | 2-21-66 | 26-20 | 8-7 |
| 46 | Barrie Haynie | Houston | 2- 7-66 | 36-18 | 11-10 |
| 42 | Tom Kerwin | Oklahoma City | 2- 2-66 | 31-19 | 6-4 |
| 41 | Tom Kerwin | Louisiana Tech | 2-25-65 | 24-17 | 10-7 |
| 40 | Tom Kerwin | SMU | 12-21-65 | 25-15 | 11-10 |
| 40 | Tom Kerwin | So. Mississippi | 2-29-64 | 16-12 | 18-16 |
| 39 | Tom Kerwin | Tennessee Tech | 1-18-64 | 30-17 | 8-5 |
| 38 | Robert Parish | Texas-Arlington | 2- 5-73 | 24-17 | 6-4 |
| 37 | Bobby White | Louisiana Tech | 1- 4-77 | 29-18 | 1-1 |
| 37 | Gerald Martello | Arkansas State | 2-28-59 | 17-15 | 12-7 |
| 37 | Barrie Haynie | NW Louisiana | 2- 8-65 | 21-12 | 16-13 |
| 37 | Fred Zitar | Loyola | 2-18-71 | 20-15 | 13-7 |
| 36 | Milton Williams | SE Oklahoma | 12-18-57 | 21-14 | 8-8 |
| 36 | Jackie Crawford | Tampa | 1-28-61 | 24-14 | 8-8 |
| 36 | Robert Parish | Houston Baptist | 2-21-76 | 23-14 | 9-8 |
| 36 | Robert Parish | So. Mississippi | 1-11-73 | 24-12 | 7-7 |
| 35 | Burl Plunkett | Arizona State | 12-17-53 | 21-14 | 8-7 |
| 35 | Billy Hester | La. College | 1-19-53 | 21-16 | 4-3 |
| 35 | Tom Kerwin | Cincinnati | 12-19-64 | 23-13 | 11-9 |

## TOP SINGLE GAME INDIVIDUAL SCORING

### By Opponent

| Pts. | Player | Team | Date | FG | FT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | Elvin Hayes | Houston | 2-10-68 | 37-22 | 9-6 |
| 46 | Dick Garrett | So. Illinois | 3- 1-68 | 30-19 | 8-8 |
| 45 | Bud Koper | Oklahoma City | 2-16-62 | 29-20 | 5-5 |
| 44 | Rich Travis | Oklahoma City | 2-28-68 | 33-19 | 9-6 |
| 43 | Bill Reigel | McNeese State | 3- 3-56 | 28-14 | 18-15 |
| 43 | Elvin Hayes | Houston | 12-14-68 | 31-19 | 6-5 |
| 42 | Simmie Hill | W. Texas St. | 1-25-68 | 29-17 | 12-8 |
| 42 | Rich Travis | Oklahoma City | 2- 5-68 | 27-14 | 15-14 |
| 41 | Ricky Sugg | Arkansas | 12-13-65 | 20-14 | 13-13 |
| 41 | Jerry Lee Wells | Oklahoma City | 2- 2-66 | 37-17 | 10-7 |
| 41 | Gary Gray | Oklahoma City | 2-25-67 | 34-18 | 5-5 |
| 41 | Larry Moore | UT-Arlington | 1-18-73 | 29-20 | 2-1 |
| 40 | Elvin Hayes | Houston | 2- 7-66 | 24-17 | 16-6 |
| 40 | Elvin Hayes | Houston | 1- 6-68 | 36-20 | 1-0 |
| 40 | Mike Green | Louisiana Tech | 12- 2-72 | 33-19 | 4-2 |
| 40 | Mike Coleman | So. Mississippi | 1-16-75 | 30-16 | 8-8 |
| 39 | Joe Abendroth | Louisiana Tech | 1- 5-63 | -14 | 18-11 |
| 38 | Hunter Beckman | Memphis State | 2-26-63 | 22-16 | 8-6 |
| 37 | Larry Bird | Indiana State | 1-22-77 | 16-14 | 9-9 |
| 37 | John Dickson | Arkansas State | 1- 3-66 | -14 | 12-9 |
| 37 | Jerry Lee Wells | Oklahoma City | 3- 3-66 | 25-14 | 9-9 |
| 36 | Tom Chilton | East Tenn. St. | 2-11-61 | 30-13 | 13-10 |
| 36 | Don Curnett | Miami | 1-15-70 | 33-16 | 5-4 |
| 36 | Lanhy Wells | Louisiana Tech | 1- 4-77 | 25-14 | 10-8 |
| 35 | Tommy Rowland | Arkansas | 12-12-66 | 17-11 | 13-13 |
| 35 | Leon Barmore | Louisiana Tech | 2- 2-66 | 22-10 | 17-15 |

# TOURNAMENT HISTORY

**1976-77—Bayou Classic at Lafayette, La.:**
Southwestern Louisiana 91, Gents 88 (2 OT) (1st round)
Gents 93, Houston Baptist 71 (consolation)
All-Tournament: Bobby White

**Motor City Tournament at Detroit, Mich.:**
Detroit 79, Gents 74 (1st round)
Gents 80, St. Peter's (N.J.) 74 (consolation)
All-Tournament: Bobby White

**1975-76—All-College Tournament at Oklahoma City, Okla.:**
Gents 82, Bowling Green 69 (1st round)
Gents 89, Utah State 73 (semifinals)
Long Island 80, Gents 78 (championship)
All-Tournament: Robert Parish (MVP), Barry McLeod, Nate Bland

**1974-75—Hall of Fame Tournament at Springfield, Mass.:**
UNC-Charlotte, 69, Gents 66 (1st round)
Gents 98, Dartmouth 62 (consolation)
All-Tournament: Robert Parish, Leon Johnson

**All-College Tournament at Oklahoma City, Okla.:**
Gents 90, Pacific 81 (1st round)
Gents 80, North Texas State 78 (semifinals)
Gents 91, Oklahoma City 80 (championship)
All-Tournament: Robert Parish, Leon Johnson

**1973-74—Sports Foundation Tournament at Gold Dome:**
Gents 82, McNeese 72 (1st round)
Gents 102, Louisiana Tech 68 (championship)
All-Tournament: Leon Johnson (MVP), Dave Deets

**1972-73—Mid-South Invitational at Hirsch Youth Center:**
Gents 87, Houston Baptist 66 (1st round)
Louisiana Tech 88, Gents 76 (championship)
All-Tournament: Larry Davis, Robert Parish

**1971-72—Sports Foundation Tournament at Gold Dome:**
Gents 95, Trinity University 68 (1st round)
Northwestern State 89, Gents 82 (championship)
All-Tournament: Larry Davis, Melvin Russell

**1968-69—Little Rock Classic at Little Rock, Ark.:**
Gents 67, Hardin-Simmons 49 (1st round)
Arkansas 56, Gents 48 (championship)
All-Tournament: Larry Ward

**1966-67—Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston, Tex.:**
Houston 97, Gents 66 (1st round)
Gents 66, Rice 65 (consolation)
All-Tournament: Larry Ward

**Shreveport Holiday Classic at Hirsch Youth Center:**
East Tennessee State 98, Gents 83 (1st round)
Gents 99, Louisiana Tech 76 (consolation)
All-Tournament: Bill McBride

**1965-66—Gulf South Classic at Hirsch Youth Center:**
Gents 78, Virginia Military 77 (1st round)
Tennessee 49, Gents 43 (championship)
All-Tournament: Tom Kerwin

**1964-65—Gulf South Classic at Hirsch Youth Center:**
Virginia Military 91, Gents 86 (1st round)
Gents 97, Mississippi 65 (consolation)
All-Tournament: Tom Kerwin, Barrie Haynie

**1963-64—Gulf South Classic at Hirsch Youth Center:**
Gents 82, Mississippi 79 (OT) (1st round)
Tennessee 70, Gents 63 (championship)
All-Tournament: Tom Kerwin, Barrie Haynie

**1962-63—Gulf South Classic at Hirsch Youth Center:**
Gents 86, George Washington 78 (1st round)
Gents 79, Louisiana Tech 61 (semifinals)
Gents 87, Eastern Kentucky 74 (championship)
All-Tournament: Riley Wallace (MVP)

**1961-62—Gulf South Classic at Hirsch Youth Center:**
Gents 81, Murray State 69 (1st round)
Gents 73, Mississippi Southern 66 (semifinals)
Gents 86, South Carolina 79 (championship)
All-Tournament: Jimmy Williams

# TOURNAMENT HISTORY

**1960-61—Gulf South Classic at Hirsch Youth Center:**
Gents 94, Texas Western 71 (1st round)
South Carolina 97, Gents 84 (OT) (semifinals)
Gents 76, Middle Tennessee State 67 (OT) (3rd place)
All-Tournament: Dale Van Bibber

**1959-60—Gulf South Classic at Hirsch Youth Center:**
George Washington 76, Gents 64 (1st round)
Hardin-Simmons 72, Gents 69 (consolation semis)
Gents 65, Washington (St. Louis) 51 (7th place)
All-Tournament: Jackie Crawford

**1958-59—Gulf South Classic at Hirsch Youth Center:**
Gents 66, Murray State 60 (1st round)
Virginia Tech 67, Gents 64 (semifinals)
Gents 81, Northwestern State 72 (3rd place)
All-Tournament: Gerald Martello

**Senior Bowl Tournament at Mobile, Ala.:**
Gents 87, Tennessee Tech 64 (1st round)
Gents 71, Spring Hill 57 (championship)
All-Tournament: Leon Shaw (MVP)

**1957-58 Louisiana Invitational Tournament at Hirsch Youth Center:**
Gents 87, The Citadel 62 (1st round)
Northwestern State 71, Gents 68 (semifinals)
All-Tournament: Milton Wiliams, Nick Panico

**1956-57—Louisiana Invitational Tournament at Hirsch Youth Center:**
Gents 83, Furman 73 (1st round)
Gents 83, Louisiana State 75 (semifinals)
Loyola 79, Gents 71 (championship)
All-Tournament: Milton Williams, Larry Teague, Lester Ralph

**1955-56—Louisiana Invitational Tournament at Haynes Gym:**
Gents 94, North Texas State 82 (1st round)
Gents 63, Washington State 59 (championship)
All-Tournament: Joe Edelen

**1954-55—Canyon Reef Invitational Tournament at Snyder, Tex.:**
Gents 85, North Texas State 72 (1st round)
Texas Tech 93, Gents 75 (championship)

**Louisiana Invitational Tournament at Haynes Gym:**
Gents 91, McMurry 66 (1st round)
Louisiana Tech 73, Gents 58 (championship)
All-Tournament: Burl Plunkett, Ron Viskozki, Jimmy Edelen

**1952-53—Gulf States Conference Tournament at Haynes Gym:**
Gents 85, Northeast Louisiana 56 (1st round)
Gents 85, Southeastern Louisiana 73 (semifinals)
Gents 84, Southwestern Louisiana 78 (championship)
All-Tournament: Billy Hester, Connie Mack Rea

**1951-52—Gulf States Conference Tournament at Natchitoches, La.:**
Gents 70, Southwestern Louisiana 68 (1st round)
Mississippi Southern 75, Gents 60 (semifinals)
Gents 79, McNeese State 76 (OT) (3rd place)
All-Tournament: Connie Mack Rea (MVP), Bob Wright

**1949-50—Enid Invitational at Enid, Okla.:**
Washburn 67, Gents 57 (1st round)
Northwestern State 69, Gents 66 (consolation semis)
Gents 66, Southwestern Louisiana 52 (7th place)
All-Tournament: Dean Veatch

**1948-49—Emporia Invitational Tournament at Emporia, Kans.:**
Emporia State 64, Gents 44 (1st round)
Wichita State 45, Gents 42 (consolation)

**Oklahoma City Invitational at Oklahoma City, Okla.:**
Texas Wesleyan 61, Gents 58 (3 OT) (1st round)
Gents 67, Tulsa 40 (consolation)

# 100-POINT GAMES
## By Centenary

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|---|---|
| 133 – Hardin-Simmons 94 | 2/ 5/76 at Gold Dome |
| 123 – Houston Baptist 90 | 1/31/76 at Houston, Tex. |
| 113 – Northwestern State 74 | 1/11/64 at Natchitoches |
| 112 – Northwestern State 84 | 2/ 8/65 at Shreveport |
| 111 – Louisiana College 80 | 1/19/53 at Alexandria |
| 111 – Hardin-Simmons 91 | 1/21/72 at Gold Dome |
| 111 – LSU-New Orleans 91 | 2/24/72 at New Orleans |
| 110 – Northwestern State 74 | 3/ 4/63 at Shreveport |
| 110 – Southern Mississippi 75 | 2/26/66 at Shreveport |
| 110 – Wabash College 62 | 1/ 2/75 at Gold Dome |
| 110 – Houston Baptist 95 | 2/21/76 at Gold Dome |
| 109 – Arkansas State 78 | 1/ 3/55 at Shreveport |
| 108 – Louisiana Tech 112 (OT) | 2/21/66 at Shreveport |
| 107 – Miami 86 | 2/12/70 at Shreveport |
| 106 – Hardin-Simmons 93 | 3/ 2/61 at Abilene, Tex. |
| 106 – Southern Mississippi 115 (OT) | 2/27/65 at Hattiesburg, Miss. |
| 106 – Northwestern State 101 | 12/30/67 at Natchitoches |
| 106 – Southern Mississippi 65 | 2/13/71 at Shreveport |
| 106 – Southern Mississippi 83 | 1/11/73 at Hattiesburg, Miss. |
| 106 – Northwestern State 87 | 1/13/73 at Natchitoches |
| 106 – Hardin-Simmons 94 | 2/28/74 at Gold Dome |
| 105 – East Texas Baptist 82 | 12/ 6/67 at Shreveport |
| 105 – Lamar 83 | 1/13/75 at Gold Dome |
| 105 – Southern Mississippi 81 | 2/ 1/75 at Gold Dome |
| 104 – Southern Mississippi 91 | 2/29/64 at Shreveport |
| 104 – Louisiana Tech 91 | 1/15/66 at Ruston |
| 104 – West Texas State 102 | 2/20/67 at Canyon, Tex. |
| 104 – Lamar Tech 132 | 2/13/68 at Beaumont, Tex. |
| 104 – Northern Colorado 71 | 12/15/72 at Gold Dome |
| 104 – North Texas State 107 (2 OT) | 2/23/77 at Gold Dome |
| 103 – Southeastern La. 87 | 1/28/56 at Shreveport |
| 103 – Austin College 71 | 2/11/56 at Shreveport |
| 103 – Southern Mississippi 87 | 1/26/74 at Gold Dome |
| 103 – Hawaii-Hilo 91 | 2/19/75 at Hilo, Hawaii |
| 103 – Athletes in Action 87 | 1/12/76 at Gold Dome |
| 102 – Jacksonville 79 | 2/ 9/63 at Jacksonville, Fla. |
| 102 – Virginia Commonwealth 74 | 1/20/73 at Gold Dome |
| 102 – Louisiana Tech 68 | 11/30/73 at Gold Dome |
| 102 – Northwestern State 89 | 12/ 9/74 at Gold Dome |
| 101 – Arkansas State 84 | 2/28/58 at Shreveport |
| 101 – Southern Mississippi 117 | 2/ 3/68 at Shreveport |
| 101 – Indiana State 83 | 12/ 9/72 at Gold Dome |
| 101 – Hawaii 93 | 2/21/75 at Honolulu |
| 101 – Northwestern State 81 | 2/ 4/75 at Natchitoches |
| 101 – Louisiana Tech 78 | 1/10/76 at Gold Dome |
| 100 – North Texas State 63 | 1/11/57 at Shreveport |

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## By Opponents

| | Gents | |
|---|---|---|
| 132 – Lamar Tech | 104 | 2/13/68 at Beaumont, Tex. |
| 130 – Southern Illinois | 67 | 3/ 1/68 at Carbondale, Ill. |
| 127 – Tennessee Tech | 90 | 1/ 4/65 at Cookeville, Tenn. |
| 125 – Houston | 96 | 2/ 7/66 at Houston, Tex. |
| 122 – Nevada-Las Vegas | 92 | 2/14/76 at Las Vegas, Nev. |
| 121 – Oklahoma City | 90 | 3/ 3/66 at Oklahoma City |
| 120 – Oklahoma City | 79 | 1/ 7/67 at Shreveport |
| 118 – Oklahoma City | 94 | 2/ 2/66 at Shreveport |
| 118 – Houston | 81 | 1/ 6/68 at Houston, Tex. |
| 117 – St. Joseph's (Pa.) | 90 | 1/27/65 at Philadelphia, Pa. |
| 117 – Southern Mississippi | 101 | 2/ 3/68 at Shreveport |
| 117 – Oklahoma City | 92 | 2/ 5/68 at Shreveport |
| 115 – Southern Miss. (OT) | 106 | 2/27/65 at Hattiesburg, Miss. |
| 114 – Oklahoma City | 95 | 2/28/68 at Oklahoma City |

# 100-POINT GAMES
## By Opponents

| | Gents | |
|---|---|---|
| 113 – Hardin-Simmons | 98 | 3/ 3/67 at Abilene, Tex. |
| 112 – Oklahoma City | 86 | 2/16/63 at Oklahoma City |
| 112 – Louisiana Tech (OT) | 108 | 2/21/66 at Shreveport |
| 112 – Louisiana Tech | 93 | 2/28/67 at Ruston |
| 110 – Nevada Southern | 94 | 1/22/68 at Las Vegas, Nev. |
| 108 – Houston | 84 | 1/13/66 at Shreveport |
| 107 – N Texas State (2 OT) | 104 | 2/23/77 at Gold Dome |
| 107 – Houston | 56 | 2/10/68 at Shreveport |
| 106 – Oklahoma City | 93 | 2/25/67 at Oklahoma City |
| 105 – Texas | 81 | 2/1/77 at Austin, Tex. |
| 105 – Oklahoma City | 80 | 2/25/65 at Oklahoma City |
| 105 – Houston | 89 | 2/23/74 at Houston, Tex. |
| 104 – Hawaii | 79 | 2/18/77 at Honolulu, HI |
| 104 – Loyola | 93 | 1/29/72 at New Orleans |
| 102 – West Texas State | 104 | 2/20/67 at Canyon, Tex. |
| 102 – TCU | 77 | 12/ 3/66 at Fort Worth, Tex. |
| 101 – Memphis State | 82 | 2/18/56 at Memphis, Tenn. |
| 101 – Louisiana Tech | 92 | 1/13/67 at Shreveport |
| 101 – Southern Mississippi | 97 | 2/17/67 at Shreveport |
| 101 – Northwestern State | 106 | 12/30/67 at Natchitoches |
| 101 – Lamar Tech (OT) | 99 | 12/ 5/70 at Shreveport |
| 100 – Cincinnati | 76 | 1/24/67 at Cincinnati |
| 100 – Loyola | 97 | 2/ 7/68 at New Orleans |
| 100 – Oklahoma City | 82 | 2/18/70 at Oklahoma City |
| 100 – Houston | 83 | 2/10/72 at Houston, Tex. |

# THE BEST IN THE NATION
# 1972-76

| 4-Year Records | | 3-Year Records | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UCLA | 111-12 (.902) | Indiana | 86- 6 (.935) |
| Indiana | 108-12 (.900) | Marquette | 77-11 (.875) |
| Marquette | 102-15 (.872) | UCLA | 81-12 (.871) |
| N. Carolina St. | 100-16 (.862) | Nevada-Las Vegas | 73-13 (.849) |
| CENTENARY | 87-21 (.806) | NC-Charlotte | 69-13 (.841) |
| Alabama | 89-22 (.802) | CENTENARY | 68-13 (.840) |
| Maryland | 92-23 (.800) | Alabama | 67-14 (.827) |
| Louisville | 92-24 (.793) | N. Carolina St. | 73-16 (.820) |
| North Carolina | 95-26 (.785) | Maryland | 69-16 (.812) |
| Long Beach St. | 83-24 (.775) | Louisville | 70-17 (.805) |

# CENTENARY POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES

**1952 NAIA at Kansas City**

Murray (Ky.) State 72, Centenary 46

**NCAA Small College Regionals**
**1957 at Shreveport**

East Tennessee State 62, Centenary 61 (OT)

**1958 at Springfield, Mo.**

Southwest Missouri 74, Centenary 69
Arkansas State 83, Centenary 70

**1959 at Springfield, Mo.**

Centenary 83, Western Illinois 76
Southwest Missouri 75, Centenary 62

# LABC ALL-STAR GAME

Louisiana's best senior college basketball players meet each year in the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches (LABC) All-Star Game.

The Third annual game is scheduled at the Lake Charles Civic Center with McNeese State as the host. Centenary will have Bobby White, Chris Cummings and Bill Schmidt available for selection.

The North stars have won the first two games by scores of 110-109 and 129-127.

Robert Parish scored 32 points to pace the North in 1976 and Centenary mate Nate Bland added 12 points and made a late steal that led to the winning basket. Barry McLeod scored four points in the game played at the Gold Dome.

At Monroe in 1977, John Pitts scored eight points and Al Barnes four for the North.

Centenary's Riley Wallace was the North assistant coach in '76 and Orvis Sigler, Gent athletic director for 15 years and head basketball coach for 10, was honorary coach for the North in '77.

## *When the Gents travel, they go first class*

Here are some of the places visited by the Centenary basketball team in the past 10 years:

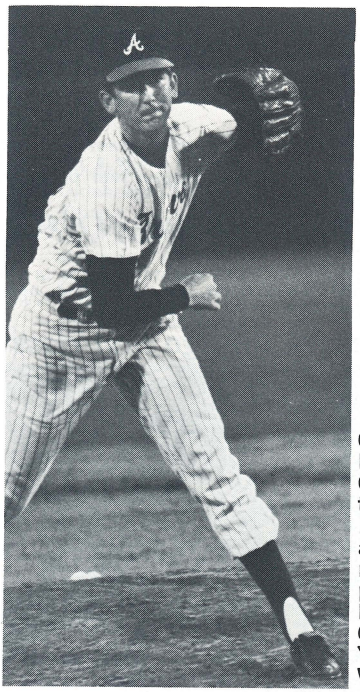
Detroit, Mich. (Motor City Classic)
Omaha, Neb. (Creighton)
Milwaukee, Wisc. (UW-Milwaukee)
Terre Haute, Ind. (Indiana State) . . . 4 times
Austin, Tex. (U. of Texas) . . . 4 times
Honolulu, HI (Hawaii) . . . 5 times
Edinburg, Tex. (Pan American)
Mobile, Ala. (South Alabama)
DeKalb, Ill. (Northern Illinois)
Normal, Ill. (Illinois State)
Oklahoma City, Okla. (All-College Tournament twice and Okla. City Univ.)
Las Vegas, Nev. (UN-Las Vegas)
Charlotte, N.C. (UNC-Charlotte)
Richmond, Va. (Va. Commonwealth) . . . 3 times
Houston, Tex. (Houston and Houston Baptist) . . . 8 times
Springfield, Mass. (Hall of Fame Tournament)
Fayetteville, Ark. (Univ. of Arkansas) . . . 3 times
Tucson, Ariz. (Arizona)
Carbondale, Ill. (Southern Illinois)
Chicago, Ill. (Loyola) . . . 2 times
Tempe, Ariz. (Arizona State)
New Orleans, La. (Univ. of New Orleans and Loyola) . . . 3 times
Long Beach, Cal. (Long Beach State)
Knoxville, Tenn. (Univ. of Tennessee)
Waco, Tex. (Baylor)
Miami, Fla. (U. of Miami)
College Station, Tex. (Texas A&M)
Lubbock, Tex. (Texas Tech)
El Paso, Tex. (UT-El Paso)

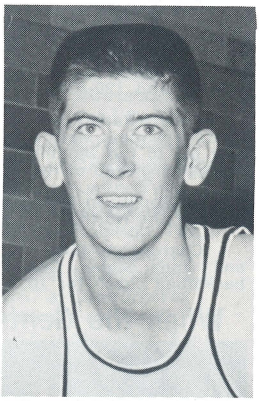
**. . . And in the Future**

Portland, Ore. (U. of Portland)
Denver, Col. (U. of Denver)
Lawrence, Kans. (U. of Kansas)
Champagne, Ill. (U. of Illinois)
Mobile, Ala. (again) (Senior Bowl Tournament)
Honolulu, HI (again)

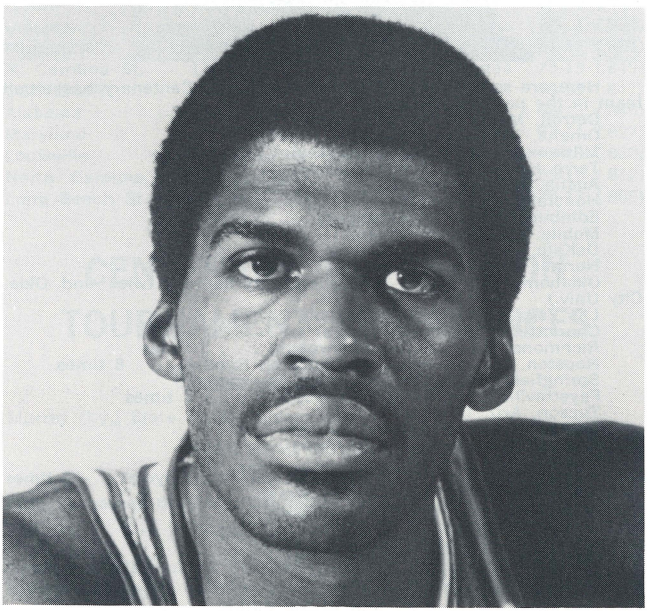
# FROM CENTENARY . . .

## . . . to the Pros

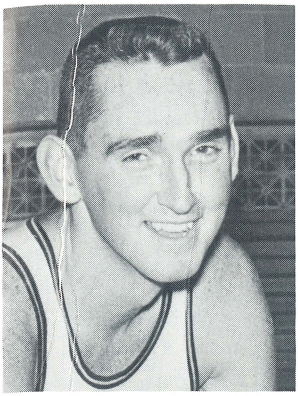




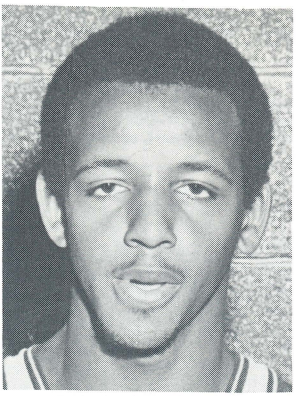
**CECIL UPSHAW** was a basketball and baseball star at Centenary from 1961-64, then signed a professional baseball contract. He spent almost nine seasons in the major leagues as a relief pitcher with the Atlanta Braves, Houston Astros, Cleveland Indians, New York Yankees and Chicago White Sox.



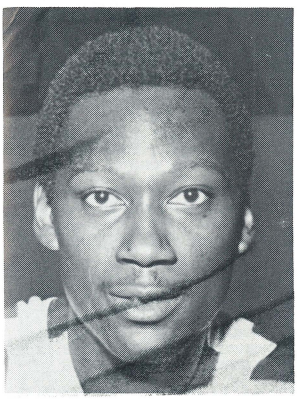
**ROBERT PARISH**
Golden State Warriors
No. 1 Draft Choice, 1976



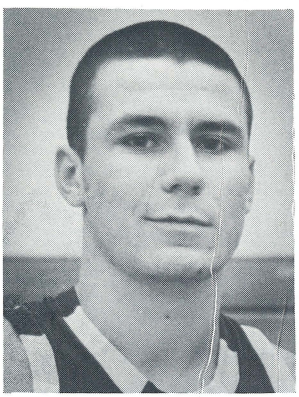
**TOM KERWIN**
Drafted, Fifth Round
San Francisco
Warriors, 1966
Played with ABA's
Pittsburgh Pipers, 1967-68



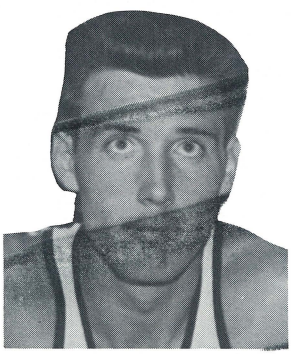
**MELVIN RUSSELL**
Drafted, Tenth Round
Utah Stars, ABA, 1973



**LEON JOHNSON**
Drafted, Eighth Round
Houston Rockets, 1975



**BARRY McLEOD**
Drafted, Seventh Round
Chicago Bulls, 1976



**CONNIE MACK REA**
Baltimore Bullets
NBA, 1953-54

## CENTENARY BASKETBALL ALL-AMERICANS

**Helms Foundation Teams**

**SMALL COLLEGE**

1953—Connie Mack Rea, F
1954—Burl Plunkett, C

**MAJOR COLLEGE**

1966—Tom Kerwin, C
1974-76—Robert Parish
(several teams, see page 21)

# GENTS' VARSITY ROLL CALL

Following is a list of Centenary College basketball players who appeared in at least 14 varsity games from 1945-77. Listed are their hometowns at the time they played, the years in which they played and the number of games in which they appeared.

— A —

ANDREWS, Andy ..... Taylorville, Ill., 1947-49 (20)

— B —

BARNES, Al ..... Hempstead, N. Y., 1974-77 (86)
BETHUNE, Duke ..... Fyffe, Ala., 1952-55 (62)
BLAND, Nate ..... Albany, N. Y., 1973-76 (81)
BLANKENSHIP, John ..... Greenville, Ill., 1966-69 (78)
BROOKSHIRE, Welton ..... Huntington, Tex., 1974-76 (25)
BROWN, Dick ..... Edwardsville, Ill., 1975-76 (26)
BURGAN, Frank ..... Barbourville, Ky., 1955-56 (16)
BUSBOOM, Dean ..... St. Joseph, Ill., 1953-57 (70)
BUSHYHEAD, Jerome ..... El Reno, Okla., 1949-51 (41)
BUTCHER, Jerry ..... Springfield, Mo., 1962-65 (71)

— C —

CALLENS, Jerry ..... Pleasant Hill, La., 1960-61 (22)
CARSON, Bob ..... San Diego, Cal., 1946-48 (54)
COMBS, Monte ..... Fouke, Ark., 1954-56 (51)
COTHERN, Glenn ..... New Orleans, La. 1959-61 (35)
COURTNEY, Rick ..... Baker, Fla., 1968-71 (40)
CRAWFORD, Jackie ..... Grand Prairie, Tex., 1958-61 (73)
CRAWFORD, Marshall ..... Brownsboro, Tex., 1969-71 (48)
CUMMINGS, Chris ..... Monticello, N. Y., 1976-77 (21)
CURTIS, Wayne ..... Dallas, Tex., 1966-69 (68)

— D —

DAVIS, Larry ..... Shreveport, La. 1970-73 (75)
DEAN, Allen ..... Downey, Cal. 1969-71 (45)
DEETS, Dave ..... Collinsville, Ill., 1971-74 (71)
DEPRANG, Benny ..... Haughton, La., 1970-73 (30)
DILL, Dick ..... Duncan, Okla., 1947-50 (56)
DUBOSE, Wayne ..... Selma, Ala., 1957-61 (46)
DUNCAN, Dean "Diz" ..... Taylorville, Ill., 1946-50 (108)

— E —

EDELEN, Jimmy ..... Mead, Okla., 1954-56 (53)
EMMONS, Billy Joe ..... Farmerville, La. 1953-55 (49)
ENSLEY, Don ..... Joplin, Mo., 1960-63 (78)
EUBANKS, Billy ..... Tuscaloosa, Ala., 1958-60 (52)

— F —

FANT, Lenny ..... Memphis, Tenn., 1946-50 (115)
FERRARI, Ralph ..... Freeland, Pa., 1960-63 (24)
FRANKLIN, Art ..... Jamestown, La., 1950-54 (103)
FRY, Charlie ..... Stigler, Okla., 1948-49 (34)
FULLER, Roosevelt ..... Shreveport, La., 1972-73 (25)
FULLERTON, Andy ..... Shreveport, La. 1965-68 (61)

— G —

GALE, Dave ..... Freeburg, Ill., 1966-68 (31)
GERMANN, Dellis ..... Belleville, Il., 1965-67 (39)
GIBBS, Mike ..... Salem, Ill., 1965-66 (14)
GREENE, Larry ..... Fenton, La., 1957-60 (69)

— H —

HALE, Bob ..... Owensboro, Ky., 1948-49 (34)
HARP, Bruce ..... Coushatta, La., 1950-51 (17)
HAYES, George "Gabby" ..... Taylorville, Ill., 1952-56 (58)
HAYNIE, Barrie ..... Ringgold, La. 1963-66 (73)
HENRY, Donnie ..... Athens, La., 1963-66 (62)
HESTER, Billy "Toar" ..... Hall Summit, La. 1952-53 (30)
HICKERSON, John ..... Bossier City, La. 1970-73 (78)
HOGGS, LeRoy ..... Albany, N. Y., 1974-76 (28)
HOKE, George ..... Moline, Ill., 1951-53 (41)
HOLCOMBE, Bill ..... Houston, Tex., 1957-58 (22)
HOLLEY, Jack ..... Coushatta, La. 1947-48 (32)
HORNE, James "Skeeter" ..... Albany, N. Y., 1971-73 (49)
HORNE, Milton "Roadrunner" ..... Albany, N. Y., 1971-73 (32)
HOUSTON, Rick ..... Memphis, Tenn. 1973-75 (53)
HUBBLE, Tom ..... Winchester, Ill., 1955-59 (34)

— J —

JOHNSON, Joey ..... Chickasha, Okla., 1948-51 (88)
JOHNSON, Leon ..... Newark, N. J., 1972-75 (81)
JOWERS, Clint ..... Coushatta, La., 1951-53 (29)

— K —

KERWIN, Tom ..... Long Branch, N. J., 1963-66 (74)
KING, Ford ..... Livingston, Tex., 1959-62 (38)
KINKELAAR, Dale ..... Effingham, Ill., 1973-75 (26)

— L —

LANDEROS, Ernesto ..... El Paso, Tex., 1954-58 (77)
LANG, Bob ..... East Meadow, N. Y., 1967-68 (26)

# GENTS' VARSITY ROLL CALL

LEFEVRE, Lonnie ..... Albany, N. Y., 1971-72 (21)
LOFTON, Claudell ..... Minden, La., 1969-72 (68)
LOUIS, Don ..... Dallas, Tex., 1968-71 (51)
LOUIS, Walter ..... Dallas, Tex., 1975-77 (30)
LUKASIK, John ..... Irvington, N. J., 1960-63 (48)

— M —

MANNE, Rudy ..... New York City, N. Y., 1976-77 (23)
MANSELL, Lee ..... LaMiranda, Cal., 1968-70 (49)
MARSHALL, Jesse ..... Princeton, La., 1968-70 (51)
MARTELLO, Gerald ..... Natchez, Miss., 1957-59 (52)
MASON, Ralph ..... Selma, Ala., 1957-61 (57)
McAFEE, Dwayne ..... Cullman, Ala., 1967-69 (49)
McAFOOS, Stan ..... Alton, Ill., 1961-64 (76)
McBRIDE, Bill ..... St. Louis, Mo., 1966-67 (23)
McGIBANY, Darrell ..... Alton, Ill., 1965-67 (36)
McGOVERN, Mike ..... Shreveport, La., 1970-72 (17)
McLEOD, Barry ..... Bridgeport, Conn., 1973-76 (77)
MIMS, Charles ..... Lake Charles, La., 1963-65 (25)
MOORE, Willard ..... Hornbeck, Tenn., 1960-63 (49)
MOOTY, Doug ..... Marion, Ala., 1949-51 (53)
MOOTY, Harold ..... Marion, Ala., 1949-51 (33)
MOOTY, Joe ..... Marion, Ala., 1949-52 (63)
MOSES, Thomas ..... Elm Grove, La., 1946-48 (36)
MURPHY, John ..... Shreveport, La., 1970-73 (29)

— P —

PANICO, Nick ..... Niles, Ill., 1957-58 (14)
PARISH, Robert ..... Shreveport, La., 1972-76 (108)
PAYNE, Ray ..... Waco, Tex., 1948-49 (28)
PETERS, Bradley ..... Henderson, Ky., 1964-66 (37)
PIDGE, Ray ..... Waterbury, Conn., 1946-50 (19)
PITTS, John ..... Hempstead, N. Y., 1974-77 (86)
PLUNKETT, Burl ..... Valliant, Okla., 1953-55 (47)

— R —

RALPH, Lester ..... Baileytown, Ala., 1955-57 (48)
RAMIREZ, Pototo ..... San German, P. R., 1951-53 (50)
REA, Connie Mack ..... Muncie, Ind., 1951-53 (52)
RENFRO, Norman ..... Williamsburg, Ky., 1949-51 (33)
RHODES, Cecil ..... Shreveport, La., 1955-59 (66)
ROBINS, James "Cotton" ..... Shreveport, La., 1945-47 (19)
RUSSELL, Melvin ..... Shreveport, La., 1970-73 (78)

— S —

SCALLY, Mike ..... College Point, N. Y., 1966-67 (25)
SCHMIDT, Bill ..... Belleville, Ill., 1976-77 (30)
SCHRIMSER, Morris ..... Athens, Ala., 1956-58 (46)
SCHULMAN, Bob ..... Dothan, Ala., 1955-59 (63)
SCHWEGMAN, Ralph ..... Oxford, Ohio, 1963-66 (63)
SCOTT, Robert ..... Ringgold, La., 1951-54, 58-59 (81)
SHAW, Leon ..... Duncan, Okla., 1957-59 (53)
SHIVELY, Omar ..... Shreveport, La., 1945-57 (28)
SHOEMAKER, Larry ..... Alton, Ill., 1963-66 (72)
SMITH, Cal ..... Normal, Ill., 1973-76 (70)
SMITH, Harold ..... Blevins, Ark., 1963-66 (57)
SPANGLER, Bill ..... Danville, Ill., 1950-54 (86)
STAPLER, Ronnie ..... Huntsville, Ala., 1967-68 (14)
STARKE, Kevin ..... New York City, N. Y., 1976-77 (30)
STRAMEL, Tamek ..... Arcadia, Cal., 1969-71 (25)
STRAYHORN, Aaron ..... New York City, N. Y., 1976-77 (28)
STRONG, Andy ..... Doyline, La., 1946-49 (83)
STRONG, Cleve ..... Doyline, La., 1946-49 (89)

— T —

TADICH, Dave ..... West Aliquippa, Pa., 1966-69 (54)
TEAGUE, Larry ..... Bossier City, La., 1953-57 (98)
TEBBE, Mike ..... Memphis, Tenn., 1967-68 (22)
THRASH, Wayne ..... Heflin, La., 1951-55 (89)
TIMMONS, Reece ..... Keatchie, La., 1947-51 (106)
TODD, Ron ..... Orange, Cal., 1973-75 (31)

— U —

UPSHAW, Cecil ..... Bossier City, La., 1961-64 (69)

— V —

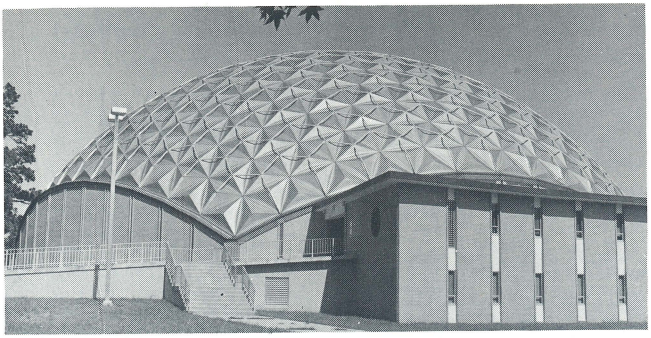
VAN BIBBER, Dale ..... Dexter, Mo., 1959-62 (66)
VASILOPOULOS, John ..... Marshall, Mo., 1959-61 (37)
VEATCH, Dean ..... Coushatta, La., 1947-51 (119)
VICTOR, Jeff ..... Santa Monica, Cal., 1969-72 (55)
VISKOZKI, Ron ..... Taylorville, Ill., 1953-57 (90)

— W —

WALLACE, Riley ..... Jerseyville, Ill., 1960-63 (77)
WARD, Larry ..... Greenville, Ill., 1966-69 (78)
WAUGH, Jerry ..... Oklahoma City, Okla., 1972-75 (77)
WESTON, John ..... Springfield, Mo., 1967-68 (14)
WHITE, Bobby ..... Springhill, La., 1974-77 (68)
WHITLER, Jim ..... Giraudville, Ill., 1950-54 (78)
WILLIAMS, Jimmy ..... Shreveport, La. 1961-63 (50)
WILLIAMS, Milton "Chief" ..... Big Sandy, Tex., 1956-58 (44)
WRIGHT, Bob ..... Danville, Ill., 1950-54 (114)
WUENNENBERG, Harry ..... St. Louis, Mo., 1960-63 (49)

— Z —

ZITAR, Fred ..... Downey, Cal., 1969-71 (50)



# TWO HOME COURTS

The Gentlemen have a home (the Gold Dome) and a home away from home (Hirsch Memorial Coliesum).

This will be the seventh season in the Gold Dome, the beautiful and comfortable building constructed at a cost of $1.5 million and located just south of Kings Highway and the main campus.

Centenary has won 60 of 75 games in the Dome, which will seat 3,500 for basketball (with a full capacity of 4,000.)

Nine games are scheduled there this season and three will be played at Hirsch, the 10,000-seat facility on the State Fairgrounds that was home for the Gents for 14 seasons (1956-70).

The Gold Dome seating includes cushioned armchairs on the upper level — the red seats — and bleachers encircling the court, putting the fans right on top of the action.

It has several unique features:

— a Tartan playing surface;

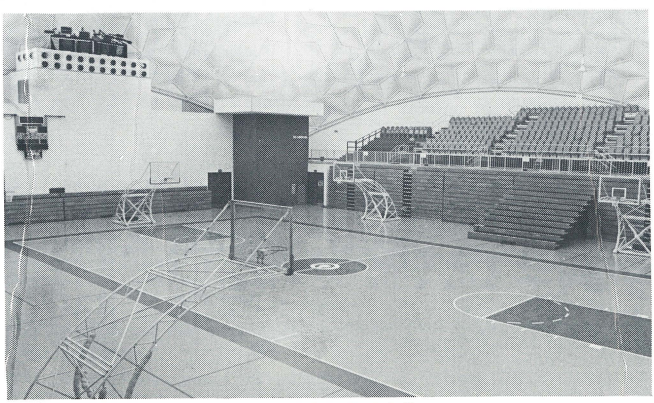
— indirect lighting (no overhead lights . . . the light banks are located in the four corners with the light reflecting off the geodesic forms that make up the Dome ceiling);

— the eye-catching gold anodized aluminum dome.

The completely air-conditioned building contains office space for the athletic and physical education departments, two classrooms, five large dressing rooms (three of them carpeted for the basketball and baseball teams), recreation and weight rooms, a Gents Club lounge and two handball courts, complete with spectator windows.

The basketball court can be converted into two cross-court basketball courts and four volleyball or badminton courts. And Jimmy Connors is among those who have played tennis in the Dome.

Almost annually the Dome is used as a neutral site for championship high school basketball games in North Louisiana.



**Inside the Gold Dome**

# GOLD DOME RECORDS

## Individual Single Game

Most Points — 38, ROBERT PARISH, Centenary vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973.

Most Field Goal Attempts — 30, CHARLES WHITE, East Tennessee, vs. Northwestern State, Dec. 29, 1971 (made 14); BOBBY WHITE, Centenary, vs. Northern Illinois, Dec. 4, 1976 (made 15).

Most Field Goals Made — 17, ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973 (attempted 24).

Best Field Goal Percentage (min. 10 attempts) — .900 (9-of-10), NATE BLAND, Centenary, vs. Louisiana Tech, Dec. 1, 1973.

Most Free Throw Attempts — 19, THURMAN BAPTISTE, Northwestern State, vs. Centenary, Dec. 30, 1971 (made 14).

Most Free Throws Made — 14, THURMAN BAPTISTE, Northwestern State, vs. Centenary, Dec. 30, 1971 (atempted 19); RICK APKE, Creighton, vs. Centenary, Feb. 5, 1977 (attempted 15).

Best Free Throw Percentage — 1.00 (8-of-8), JOE MERIWETHER, So. Illinois, vs. Centenary, Feb. 15, 1975; AL ARMSTRONG, Indiana State, vs. Centenary, Feb. 13, 1975.

Most Rebounds — 33, ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Southern Mississippi, Jan. 27, 1973.

Most Assists — 16, MELVIN RUSSELL, Centenary, vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973.

Most Turnovers — 12, WALTER "Weasel" JOHNSON, North Texas State, Feb. 23, 1977.

## Team Single Game

Most Points, Centenary — 133, vs. Hardin-Simmons (133-94), Feb. 5, 1976.

Most Points, Visitors — 107, North Texas State, vs. Centenary (107-104, 2 OT), Feb. 23, 1977.

Most Points vs. Centenary — 96, Hawaii, vs. Centenary (96-91), Jan. 8, 1972.

Most Points, Two Teams — 227 (Centenary 133, Hardin-Simmons 94), Feb. 5, 1976; 211 (North Texas State 107, Centenary 104, 2 OT), Feb. 23, 1977.

Fewest Points, Centenary — 62, vs. Robert Morris (62-65), Jan. 10, 1977.

Fewest Points, Opponents — 59, East Texas Baptist (59-86), Dec. 5, 1972.

Fewest Points, Two Teams — 127 (Robert Morris 65, Centenary 62), Jan. 10, 1977.

Biggest Centenary Win — 48 (Centenary 110, Wabash College 62), Jan. 2, 1975.

Biggest Centenary Loss — 12 (Arkansas State 76, Centenary 64), Dec. 11, 1971.

Most Field Goal Attempts — 96, Hardin-Simmons vs. Centenary (made 39), Feb. 5, 1976.

Most Field Goal Attempts, by Centenary — 96, vs. North Texas State (made 48), Feb. 23, 1977.

Most Field Goals Made — 54, Centenary, vs. Hardin-Simmons (attempted 90), Feb. 5, 1976.

Best Field Goal Percentage — .618 (42 of 68), Centenary vs. Hardin-Simmons, Jan. 21, 1972.

Most Free Throw Attempts — 42, Centenary, vs. East Texas Baptist (made 31), Dec. 4, 1971; 42, Northwestern, vs. Centenary (made 31), Dec. 30, 1971; 42, Creighton, vs. Centenary (made 28), Feb. 5, 1977.

Most Free Throws Made — 31, Centenary, vs. East Texas Baptist (att. 42), Dec. 4, 1971; 31, Northwestern, vs. Centenary (att. 42), Dec. 30, 1971.

Best Free Throw Percentage — .920 (23 of 25), Long Island, vs. Centenary, Jan. 26, 1972.

Most Rebounds — 70, Centenary, vs. Hardin-Simmons, Feb. 5, 1976.

Most Assists — 34, Centenary, vs. Northeast Louisiana, Jan. 12, 1974.

Most Turnovers — 31, Centenary, vs. Hardin-Simmons, Jan. 21, 1972.

Least Turnovers — 7, Centenary, vs. Northwestern State, Dec. 30, 1971.

Most Personal Fouls — 35, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, vs. Centenary, Feb. 4, 1977.

Most Personal Fouls by Centenary — 30, vs. Southwestern (Texas), Nov. 28, 1972.

Least Personal Fouls — 11, Robert Morris (Pa.), vs. Centenary, Jan. 10, 1977.

# GOLD DOME RECORDS

Least Personal Fouls by Centenary — 13, vs. Southern Mississippi, Jan. 24, 1972.

Most Total Personal Fouls — 62 (Wisconsin-Milwaukee 35, Centenary 27), Feb. 4, 1977.

Least Total Personal Fouls — 22 (Centenary 12, Texas-Arlington 10), Feb. 5, 1973.

## Miscellaneous

Attendance — 4,000 (packed), vs. Houston, Jan. 17, 1974; vs. Louisiana Tech, Jan. 10, 1976.

Longest Homecourt Winning Streaks — 18, Nov. 30, 1973, through Jan. 7, 1975 (broken by Hawaii 79-78, on Jan. 9, 1975). 10, current (starting at 1976-77 season)

Longest Homecourt Losing Streak — 2, in 1971-72 and 1976-77.

## Top Individual Scoring Performance

| | FG | FT |
|---|---|---|
| 38—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973 | 24-17 | 6-4 |
| 36—CHARLIE JONES, Loyola, vs. Centenary, Feb. 12, 1972 | 26-15 | 5-4 |
| 36—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary vs. Houston Baptist, Feb. 21, 1976 | 23-14 | 9-8 |
| 35—VERNON WILSON, Northwestern vs. Centenary, Feb. 2, 1972 | 27-14 | 9-7 |
| 33—LARRY DAVIS, Centenary, vs. Loyola, Feb. 12, 1972 | 26-14 | 8-5 |
| 33—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. East Texas Baptist, Jan. 27, 1976 | 20-11 | 13-11 |
| 32—LEON JOHNSON, Centenary, vs. Houston, Jan. 17, 1974 | 22-14 | 5-4 |
| 32—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Houston Baptist, Feb. 9, 1974 | 26-14 | 5-4 |
| 32—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Athletes in Action, Jan. 12, 1976 | 19-15 | 2-2 |
| 32—BOBBY WHITE, Centenary, vs. Northern Illinois, Dec. 4, 1976 | 30-15 | 2-2 |

## Top Individual Rebound Performances

33—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Southern Mississippi, Jan. 27, 1973

29—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973

27—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Lamar, Feb. 7, 1973

27—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Northwestern State, Dec. 9, 1974

26—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Houston, Jan. 17, 1974

25—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. LSU-New Orleans, Jan. 15, 1973

**By Opponent**

23—THURMAN BAPTISTE, Northwestern State, vs. Centenary, Dec. 30, 1971

# THE STREAKING GENTS

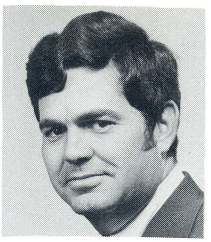
**BEST WINNING STREAKS**

16, during 1955-56 season
13, during 1974-75 season
12, during 1973-74 season (first 12 games)
7, during 1956-57 and 1961-62 seasons

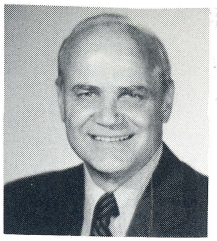
**LOSING STREAKS**

11, during 1967-68 season (last 11 games)
7, during 1951-52 season
6, in 1948-49 and 1968-69 seasons

**LEO VANDERKUY**
President



**BILL ANDERSON**
Vice-President



**JIMMY PATTERSON**
Sec.-Treas.

# THE GENTS CLUB . . .

## *Bigger and Better*

Bigger and better than ever.

That's a cliche, true, but it applies in the case of the Centenary Gents Club.

Thanks to an aggressive drive, membership in the Centenary athletic booster group has grown to over 400 and the financial support is well beyond anything the Gents have had in the past.

And that's after a 1976-77 campaign that was also easily the biggest year ever for the Gents Club.

"We couldn't do without their support," says Athletic Director-Head Coach Riley Wallace, noting that for the first time a portion of the money raised by the Gents Club will go toward scholarships in athletics.

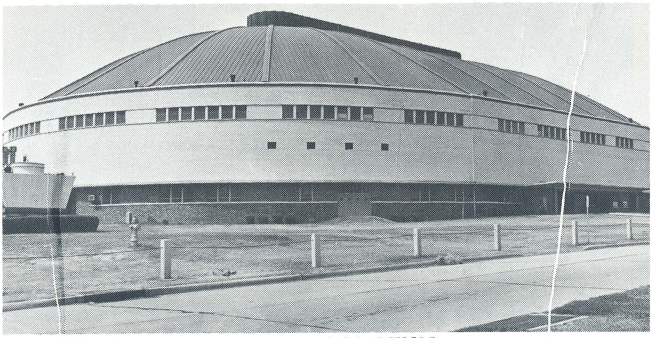
It will continue to supplement the budgets for the basketball, golf, tennis, baseball and cross country programs.

The membership includes a cross-section of business and civic leaders in North Louisiana and Centenary enthusiasts locally and throughout the nation.

Among the services the Gents Club has provided are recruiting expenses, video tape machine and movie equipment, an athletic department automobile, carpeted athletic dressing rooms, academic tutoring program, luncheons with guest speakers, all-sports and press parties, sports information work, Gents Club Room at halftime of basketball games and uniforms for the pom-pon girls and cheerleaders (plus selected travel expenses for those groups).

For the second straight year, Gents Club officers are Leo Vanderkuy, president; William G. Anderson, vice president; and James N. Patterson, secretary-treasurer.

Gents Club President Leo Vanderkuy greets the tallest member.



HIRSCH COLISEUM

# BASKETBALL DAY

"What we want to do is play before a full house at Hirsch!"

With that in mind, Centenary Athletic Director-Head Coach Riley Wallace instituted the first annual "Basketball Day" for Shreveport-Bossier and North Louisiana last March.

Centenary sold tickets for the game at Hirsch Memorial Coliseum (capacity 10,000) to Shreveport-Bossier merchants, who in turn distributed them free of charge to the public.

Several high school bands and dance squads provided the entertainment at the game; a preliminary game between two state championship girls' teams was arranged; and a free-throw shooting contest for cash was staged at halftime.

The result was a turnout of more than 6,000 fans on a wet night. They saw McNeese State beat the Gents 74-71 in the season finale.

This season the Gents will host the second annual "Basketball Day" at Hirsch. It will be Feb. 13 against Louisiana Tech.

"We want the fans to come out and enjoy basketball," says Wallace. "That's the idea behind this. Hopefully, we'll attract a lot of young kids, who may develop an interest in basketball."

"I think it went very well last year and maybe this time we'll fill up the place."

# THE TOTAL PROGRAM

Improvement on every level is the goal of the Centenary athletic program . . . and it should be achieved this year.

There are new coaches in golf and baseball, both with designs on national prominence for their programs. And there's an almost complete turnover on the tennis squad.

The new baseball coach is Dr. James C. Farrar, who played, scouted and coached on the professional level and has an outstanding 20-year record as a high school coach in football and baseball in North Louisiana.

Farrar is rebuilding his team after the Gents' dismal 13-37-1 record last spring and, while he promises no immediate big winner, he does say his club "will hustle and work hard."

He has never had a losing season as a baseball coach.

In golf, Tommy Canterbury is the new coach and his team will face a tough schedule that matches them with some of the nation's top teams.

Sophomore Hal Sutton was the individual winner in the Louisiana Intercollegiate Tournament last spring and has a national background in amateur events.

New recruits like junior Byron May and freshman Jimmy Strickland and three other promising sophomores — Larry Shannahan, Paul Sommerfeldt and Jimmy Odell — make it a bright future.

The tenis team, coached by Bill Causey Sr., has freshmen Mike Bender, Richard Wilson, Scott Turner and Will Downs to face a busy schedule in the spring.

In cross country, Gent co-captains Ron Casillas and Martin Poole ran in the Boston Marathon last spring. The team is coached by Dr. Wayne Hanson.

# CENTENARY BASKETBALL MEDIA OUTLETS

## PRIMARY OUTLETS

THE SHREVEPORT TIMES (AMs and Sunday newspaper), 222 Lake, Shreveport, La. 71130 . . . Phone (318) 424-0373 . . . Louisiana WATS 1-800-282-8810 . . . Out-of-state WATS 1-800-551-8892 . . . Bill McIntyre, columnist . . . Gerry Robichaux, sports editor.

SHREVEPORT JOURNAL (PMs newspaper), 222 Lake, Shreveport, La. 71130 . . . Phone (318) 424-0373 . . . Louisiana WATS 1-800-282-8810 . . . Out-of-state WATS 1-800-551-8892 . . . Jerry Byrd, sports editor.

KWKH Radio, P. O. Box 1130, Shreveport, La. 71120 . . . Phone (318) 222-8711 . . . Jim Hawthorne (Centenary basketball play-by-play).

KSLA Television (Channel 12, CBS), 1812 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, La. 71130 . . . Phone (318) 424-8101 (weekend 424-1128) . . . Bob Griffin, sports director.

KTAL Television (Channel 6, NBC), 3150 North Market, Shreveport, La. 71107 . . . Phone (318) 425-2422 . . . Gene Hall, sports director.

KTBS Television (Channel 3, ABC), 312 E. Kings Highway, Shreveport, La. 71104 . . . Phone (318) 861-1621 . . . Ed Baswell, sports director.

## SECONDARY OUTLETS

CENTENARY CONGLOMERATE (weekly school newspaper), Centenary Boulevard, Centenary campus, Shreveport, La. 71104 . . . Phone (318) 869-5269 . . . Martin Poole, sports editor.

SHREVEPORT SUN (weekly newspaper), P. O. Box 1742, 1030 Texas Avenue, Shreveport, La. 71166 . . . Phone (318) 424-7125 . . . Andrew Harris, sports editor.

KEEL Radio, 710 Spring, P. O. Box 7, Shreveport, La. 71120 . . . Phone (318) 425-8692 . . . Steve Kelly, program director.

KRMD Radio, 1717 Fairfield Avenue, P. O. Box 1739, Shreveport, La. 71166 . . . Phone (318) 221-6171 . . . Tony Barrett, sports director.

KBCL Radio, 505 Lane Building, Shreveport, La. 71101 . . . Phone (318) 227-1220 . . . Al LeGrand, sports director.

KEPT Radio, 702 Petroleum Tower, Shreveport, La. 71101 . . . Phone (318) 221-1606.

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# CENTENARY COLLEGE
# 1977-78 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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| | **NOVEMBER** | | |
| 26 (Sat.) | McNEESE STATE | 7:30 p.m. | GOLD DOME |
| | **DECEMBER** | | |
| 5 (Mon.) | NORTHWESTERN STATE | 7:30 p.m. | GOLD DOME |
| 9 (Fri.) | Hatter Classic (Centenary vs. New Orleans, 6 p.m.) (Stetson vs. Arkansas State, 8 p.m.) | | Deland, Fla. |
| 10 (Sat.) | Hatter Classic (losers—6 p.m.; winners—8 p.m.) | | Deland, Fla. |
| 17 (Sat.) | TEXAS | 7:30 p.m. | HIRSCH COLISEUM |
| 21 (Wed.) | McNeese State | 7:30 p.m. | Lake Charles, La. |
| 23 (Fri.) | DEPAUL | 7:30 p.m. | GOLD DOME |
| 28 (Wed.) | PORTLAND | 7:30 p.m. | GOLD DOME |
| 30 (Fri.) | LAMAR | 7:30 p.m. | GOLD DOME |
| | **JANUARY** | | |
| 6 (Fri.) | Marquette | 8 p.m. | Milwaukee, Wis. |
| 9 (Mon.) | NORTH TEXAS STATE | 7:30 p.m. | GOLD DOME |
| 11 (Wed.) | HAWAII | 7:30 p.m. | HIRSCH COLISEUM |
| 14 (Sat.) | Northeast Louisiana | 7:30 p.m. | Monroe, La. |
| 17 (Tues.) | Oklahoma City | 7:30 p.m. | Oklahoma City, Okla. |
| 21 (Sat.) | HARDIN-SIMMONS | 7:30 p.m. | GOLD DOME |
| 23 (Mon.) | Northwestern State | 7:30 p.m. | Natchitoches, La. |
| 28 (Sat.) | Lamar | 7:30 p.m. | Beaumont, Tex. |
| 30 (Mon.) | PAN AMERICAN | 7:30 p.m. | GOLD DOME |
| | **FEBRUARY** | | |
| 6 (Mon.) | North Texas State | 7:30 p.m. | Denton, Tex. |
| 9 (Thu.) | Hardin-Simmons | 7:30 p.m. | Abilene, Tex. |
| 13 (Mon.) | LOUISIANA TECH | 7:30 p.m. | HIRSCH COLISEUM |
| 15 (Wed.) | Southwestern Louisiana | 7:30 p.m. | Lafayette, La. |
| 18 (Sat.) | Iona | 7 p.m. | New Rochelle, N.Y. |
| 20 (Mon.) | Long Island | 7 p.m. | Brooklyn, N.Y. |
| 23 (Thu.) | Pan American | 8 p.m. | Edinburg, Tex. |
| 25 (Sat.) | ILLINOIS STATE (Homecoming) | 7:30 p.m. | GOLD DOME |
| | **MARCH** | | |
| 1 (Wed.) | Louisiana Tech | 7:30 p.m. | Ruston, La. |

Times listed are Central Standard Time
Preliminary home games, 5:30 p.m.